



Green public procurement for printers

The Latvian Environmental Investment Fund and The Latvian State Regional Development Agency

- Applying principles of green public procurement via central electronical procurement system



Standard product / conventional tender

State authorities and municipalities are purchasing energy inefficient printers.

GPP (PRIMES) tender

More energy efficient printers are chosen from the E-catalogue

Potential for savings

More energy efficient printers can save 44 % of energy.

Introduction to case

1.1 PITCH-TALK – SUMMARY

Latvian State Regional Development Agency (LSRDA) is a holder of the Latvian central procurement system allowing state authorities and municipalities purchase goods directly via Electronic Procurement System (EPS) without organising separate single procurements. Prior to place a good in the electronic catalogue (E-catalogue) and offer to clients of EPS system, LSRDA carries out a central procurement to choose the bidders complying with technical requirements and the lowest price range, benefiting as a more powerful client compared to single municipality, and finally concludes a framework agreement. If in the E-catalogue there are several bidders for selected type of goods, for a single client of the EPS the bidders still are competing with the best price but not above the agreed price limit. The EPS E-catalogue serves all Latvian state authorities, but the municipalities may join on voluntary basis.

1.3 CASE CONTENT AND ISSUE

Latvian State Regional Development Agency decided to include in the new E-catalogue energy efficient imaging equipment.

1.4 SOLUTIONS APPLIED

In order to correspond to green public procurement, the core criteria from EU green public procurement were applied. In order to make the green choice more visible, Latvian State Regional Development Agency introduced the new labelling system in their catalogue. adding a new label.

Tender features

- Subject matter: Purchase of printing equipment for members Electronic Procurement System.
- Value of the contract: framework agreement, just entered into force.
- Type of procedure: prior procurement for inclusion in E-catalogue (concluding framework agreement), the relevant bidder for particular delivery is chosen based on additional competition on the lowest price offer via State Electronic Procurement System.
- Type of contract: framework agreement among bidders and members of Electronical Procurement System on supply of printing equipment.

Procurement objectives

To offer possibility for state authorities and municipalities to purchase imaging equipment, promoting choice of more energy efficient lamps.

Procurement approach

This is centralized procurement (E-catalogue) offering energy efficient printers for the best price in the moment of purchase:



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1. Double side printing (compliance with Energy Star 2.0)
2. Multiple images on single sheet of paper (compliance with Energy Star 2.0)
3. Energy efficiency for use mode (compliance with Energy Star 2.0)
4. User instructions for green performance management
5. Product longevity and warranty (repair or replacement of the product shall be covered by the warranty terms for minimum five years; genuine or equivalent spare parts shall be available for at least five years from the date of purchase)
6. Resource efficiency for cartridges: Design for reuse of toner and/or ink cartridges
7. Compliance with chemical laws (REACH, RoHS) (additional to EU GPP core criteria)

These criteria are fixed in the framework agreement with suppliers for E-catalogue.

Criteria development

The criteria applied were taken from EU GPP core criteria for imaging equipment (version 2014). In order to promote the green choice, the e-catalogue indicates with a green symbol, in which sections there are products available fully corresponding to EU GPP core criteria, see picture.

CI103.1.1.1 A4 melnbaltie kopētāji, vismaz 20 kop./min.

CI103.1.1.2 A4 melnbaltie kopētāji, vismaz 25 kop./min.



CI103.1.1.4 A4 melnbaltie kopētāji, vismaz 30 kop./min., ar paplašinātu papildaprīkojuma izvēli



CI103.1.1.5 A4 melnbaltie kopētāji, vismaz 35 kop./min.



CI103.1.1.7 A4 melnbaltie kopētāji, vismaz 45 kop./min.



CI103.1.1.8 A4 melnbaltie kopētāji, vismaz 50 kop./min.



Results

The E-catalogue is just opened, and no purchase has been done yet. According to EU GPP fact sheet for imaging equipment, the printers compliant with Energy Star requirements are 44 % more energy efficient than the previous ones.

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Lessons learned

- After the announcement of the tender, suppliers of the printers argued against 2 criteria (warranty time for 5 years and possibility to use of the remanufactured cartridges). The argument that these are EU GPP criteria helped in negotiations. With regard to the reuse of cartridges, the provider of remanufactured cartridges shall be hold liable for the damages done by remanufactured cartridges to printers. Latvian State Regional Development Agency (LSRDA) has fixed this requirement in the framework agreements with the providers of remanufactured cartridges.

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About PRIMES

Across six countries in Europe; Denmark, Sweden, Latvia, Croatia, France and Italy, PRIMES project seeks to help municipalities overcome barriers in GPP processes, many of which lack capacity and knowledge.

PRIMES aims to develop basic skills and provide hands-on support for public purchasing organisations in order to overcome barriers and implement Green Public Purchasing. This will consequently result in energy savings and CO₂ reductions– www.primes-eu.net



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To this end, GPP 2020 will implement more than 100 low-carbon tenders, which will directly result in substantial CO₂ savings. Moreover, GPP 2020 is running a capacity building programme that includes trainings and exchange. – www.gpp2020.eu



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