



Sustainable Choice News

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It's Survey Time!

2016 Annual Sustainable Procurement Survey

The Sustainable Choice 2016 Annual Survey has been issued to all councils via email to each General Manager. The survey will close at 5pm on Friday 16th September 2016.

The survey is not designed to have input from just one person at council. One key person is required to coordinate responses however input is required from all business units. Therefore we have developed a survey assistance tool which includes the questions that will appear in the online survey, grouped within standard service units. The reason for this approach is so the survey questions can be given to each service unit and their responses collated by one person who will complete the survey online. Once you are prepared, the online survey should only take 30 minutes to complete. Given it's difficult for any one person to have knowledge or access to all procurement activities across council, we hope this approach will help collate the best information from your organisation, giving you an accurate score for your scorecard. Participating councils will receive their individual scorecard in December.

This survey is designed to help evaluate your sustainable procurement progress by collecting data on the types and amounts of products and services being procured. It also provides you with the opportunity to give feedback about implementing sustainable procurement, which helps us, improve the Sustainable Choice program to better service our members.

If you have any questions please contact us sustainablechoice@lgnsw.org.au

Sydney Sustainable Procurement Forum in November

The final Sustainable Choice sustainable procurement forum for 2016 will be hosted by City of Parramatta Council, on Wednesday 9 November. The forum is an excellent opportunity to network with your colleagues and to connect with suppliers and environmental innovators. There will be a number of presentations focussing on sustainable procurement implementation. Tweed Shire Council will share their

experiences incorporating sustainability into construction contracts. City of Parramatta Council and Canterbury-Bankstown Council will deliver insight into implementing sustainable procurement through Council policy and procedures. Additional presentations include 'What makes an Eco-Label good?', the value of social enterprise and Sustainable Choice program updates. You will also have the opportunity to chat to sustainable suppliers and browse their products and services.

For more information and to register click [here](#).



Website resources

We've been working hard to update and add to our online resources and links. Here are some of the new documents and links you can find on our website:

[Social Procurement in Local Government](#)

[Example Sustainability Section for Tender Documents](#)

[2016 Survey Assistance Tool](#)

[NAB Supplier Sustainability Principles](#)

[VIC Roads Sustainable Procurement Guidelines and Process](#)

Visit our [website](#) to find many other useful resources, such as guides, factsheets, case studies, example documents and relevant links, to assist you in implementing sustainable procurement in your council.

Local Government Procurement Awards now open!

Submissions for the Local Government Procurement Awards are now open. The award nomination forms are available via the [LGP website](#). There are three award categories to choose from, including the **Sustainable Procurement Initiative** category. Consider nominating yourself or a colleague.

Database

Thank you to those members who have referred local suppliers for us to assess for inclusion on the [Sustainable Choice database](#). We always need your help to increase the number of sustainable suppliers listed in order to improve our service.

We are pleased to announce that we are in the initial stages of enhancing the database. Enhancement works have commenced and are expected to be completed by the end of 2016. The database in its current form will continue to remain available for use throughout the enhancement work. If you have any feedback around this or suggestions that you would like us to consider, please contact the Sustainable Choice team [here](#).



2016 Local Government Procurement Annual Conference *Effective Governance: An Essential Part of Procurement*

2016 marks the tenth annual Local Government Procurement Conference for the NSW local government sector. The conference will address governance in procurement including appropriate levels of control and probity. It will be held on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 November at the Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney.

At the conference you will hear case studies from local government professionals about their experiences as well as invaluable governance and procurement insights from notable speakers. The conference provides opportunities to develop new and build on existing networks and working relationships.

Sustainable Choice will hold a stall at the forum and will also present on Sustainable Procurement and the upcoming ISO20400 standard on Sustainable Procurement. If you visit the conference, please come and say hello.

For further information and to register please click [here](#).

Nominations for the 2016 Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards are now closed. Thank you to all councils who submitted nominations. The judging panels are now convening and finalists will be notified in October. The awards ceremony will be held on 29 November at Dalton House, Darling Island Wharf, Sydney. Further details are [online](#).

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