



A Guide to Green Public Procurement (GPP) Terminology

To help you on your sustainable procurement journey, we have provided this useful guide:

GPP	Green public procurement
SPP	Sustainable public procurement—generally includes GPP, plus social responsibility (SRPP) and economic aspects
LCC	Life-cycle costing
CAP	Climate Action Plan
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
GHGs	Greenhouse gases
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
OGP	Office of Government Procurement
SMEs	Small and medium-sized enterprises
SRPP	Socially responsible public procurement
Needs assessment	The process of identifying an organisation’s true needs prior to procurement
Market engagement	The process of notifying potential bidders of an upcoming tender, and seeking information
Prioritisation	The process of deciding the order in which GPP/SPP will be applied to different procurement categories/contracts, and the level of ambition
GPP criteria	Exclusion grounds, selection criteria, specifications, award criteria and contract clauses which address environmental aspects
Verification	Checking the evidence provided by bidders in relation to environmental, social or claims
Ecolabels	Third-party certifications which attest to one or more environmental characteristics of a product or service
Life-cycle costing	A technique for determining the total cost of ownership of an asset, which may include costs assigned to environmental impacts
Contract management	The process of ensuring delivery of a contract following award, and monitoring outcomes

