# Procurement Services Sustainable Procurement Policy

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Sustainable Procurement Policy is to define:

- Procurement Services' definition of sustainable procurement
- the responsibility of those responsible for procurement of goods and services
- the way in which sustainability in procurement is executed at Western

#### II. DEFINITIONS

*Life-cycle Accounting:* the process of calculating the true cost of a product over its life-span, including but not limited to: capital costs, delivery, maintenance and disposal fees.

Sustainable Procurement: the responsible acquisition of goods and services that conserve natural resources, are ethically sourced and produced. Purchasing decisions are guided by the evaluation of economic, environmental and social criteria throughout the product's entire life cycle.

#### III. POLICY

- 1.00 Those responsible for the procurement of goods and services will have regard for the development of an environmentally sustainable campus by endeavoring to purchase goods and services which meet a comprehensive range of sustainability criteria while complying with all University principles, policies, financial controls and provisions.
- 2.00 Procurement Services is guided by the evaluation of environmental, social and economic factors to facilitate the responsible acquisition of goods and services for all Western departments. Sustainability in procurement at Western is heightened through:
  - (a) the use of guidelines by User Departments.
  - (b) the inclusion of an assessment of the goods and services being procured, based on a comprehensive range of sustainability criteria, within the tender process.
  - (c) the use of life-cycle accounting, when possible, to maximize value-for money.

### **RELATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER RESOURCES**

Policy on Procurement of Materials and Supplies http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/mapp/section2/mapp28.pdf

Procurement Services' Sustainable Procurement Guidelines <a href="http://uwo.ca/finance/purchasing/docs/Sustainable%20Purchasing%20Guide.pdf">http://uwo.ca/finance/purchasing/docs/Sustainable%20Purchasing%20Guide.pdf</a>

Procurement Services <a href="http://uwo.ca/finance/purchasing/index.html">http://uwo.ca/finance/purchasing/index.html</a>

Sustainability at Western http://sustainability.uwo.ca/

Imagine 2022 – Our path to sustainability <a href="http://www.imagine.uwo.ca/index.html">http://www.imagine.uwo.ca/index.html</a>

**BPS Procurement Directive** 

http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/bpssupplychain/documents/bps procurement directive.html

## LIFE CYCLE COST OF OWNERSHIP

The proponent will complete the following chart to determine the life cycle cost of their product. (Delete or include others as appropriate)

| Criteria  | Cost |
|---|------|
| 1. Capital cost                                 |      |
| 2. Delivery                                     |      |
| 2. Installation and calibration                 |      |
| 3. Training                                     |      |
| 4. Warranty                                     |      |
| 5. Preventative maintenance fees beyond         |      |
| warranty  |      |
| 6. Replacement part fees beyond warranty        |      |
| 7. Disposal fee                                 |      |
| 8. Estimated cost of all supplies needed to use |      |
| the product for 1 year (i.e. toner cartridge)   |      |
| Estimate life span of product (in years)        |      |

| Life Cycle Cost Calculation: |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| [(1+2+3+4+5+6+7)/9] + 8      |  |