

# Integrating Sustainability into Outsourcing and Supply Chain Management in the University



The University recognizes that sustainable practices are a critical component of responsible asset management and financial stewardship. While Chapter 8 of the Treasurer's Manual primarily governs University-owned property, plant, and equipment, these policies have clear implications for outsourced suppliers and the broader supply chain. In coordination with the Property Procurement Asset Management Office (PAMO) and the Physical Plant Administration (PPA), the University integrates sustainability into procurement and outsourcing decisions to ensure operations align with environmental, social, and fiscal responsibilities.

When engaging suppliers for equipment, stationery, or construction services, the University requires that vendors comply with procurement and approval processes, including quality standards, documentation, and delivery requirements. Beyond these operational requirements, suppliers are expected to demonstrate adherence to sustainability principles. This includes providing products that are energy-efficient, made from responsibly sourced materials, or designed for longevity to reduce waste and minimize environmental impact. Suppliers may also be required to participate in programs for proper disposal, recycling, or take-back of materials, ensuring that the lifecycle of University assets supports environmental stewardship.

Sustainability considerations also extend to contractual obligations. Contracts with outsourced suppliers should include explicit clauses addressing responsible sourcing, reduced environmental impact, and compliance with applicable environmental and safety regulations. These measures incentivize suppliers to adopt practices that align with the

University's long-term sustainability goals while mitigating risks associated with environmental liabilities or asset damage. Insurance requirements for suppliers further reinforce accountability, ensuring that any loss or damage to University assets is appropriately covered.

The University also encourages selection of suppliers whose practices contribute to the durability and lifecycle efficiency of assets. High-quality, sustainable materials and equipment not only reduce the need for frequent replacements but also support accurate depreciation and maintenance tracking, reinforcing both financial and operational accountability. By integrating sustainability criteria into outsourcing and supply chain decisions in coordination with PAMO and PPA, the University effectively extends the principles of Chapter 8 to external partners, fostering collaboration that balances fiscal responsibility, operational efficiency, and environmental stewardship.

Although Chapter 8 formally governs University-owned property and equipment, its principles extend to outsourced suppliers and the supply chain through the oversight of PAMO and PPA. Suppliers of equipment, stationery, and construction services are expected to comply with procurement standards, contractual obligations, and sustainability practices that reflect the University's mission and commitment to excellence and responsible stewardship. **By ensuring externally sourced goods support asset durability, financial accountability, and environmental sustainability, the University fosters a culture of accountability and efficiency across the entire supply chain, aligning operations with its broader institutional goals.**