

Sustainable Procurement Manitoba Working Group
Strategic Plan
2021/2026



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The Climate and Green Plan Act (C.C.S.M. c. C134) and supporting programs and strategies require procurement activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ecological footprint. The Sustainable Procurement Manitoba Working Group Strategic Plan outlines activities that will encourage public sector organizations to adopt sustainable procurement practices.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Sustainable Procurement Manitoba Working Group (SPMWG) was established in 2007 to support the implementation of sustainable procurement practices in Manitoba. SPMWG identifies products, services, policies and best practices that support the integration of environmental and social considerations associated with purchasing decisions.

SPMWG is comprised of public sector procurement professionals, policy analysts and sustainability experts. It operates under a Terms of Reference and in reference to a Communication Plan.

SPMWG administers a website that provides tools and resources that support sustainable procurement. The website is available to all Manitobans, however the website targets public sector professionals. Activities that support the website are a high priority of SPMWG.

Although The Climate and Green Plan Act provides the mandate for integrating climate and green criteria into the decisions, actions and operations of public sector organizations, the adoption of sustainable procurement practices across the public service benefits from the resources and support offered by SPMWG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The purpose of this Strategic Plan is to identify the activities of SPMWG that will advance the adoption of sustainable procurement practices in Manitoba to meet the intent of the Climate and Green Plan Act and other supporting programs and strategies.

EXPECTED RESULTS FOR 2020-2025

SPMWG has identified six goals for 2020-2025. Each goal is supported with activities as identified below.

- 1. Become the trusted advisor to the Manitoba Collaborative Buying Group.**
 - 1.1. Engage with the executive committee & leadership committee to offer support for key commodities / services.
 - 1.2. Become involved with the category working group to advise on specification development.
 - 1.3. Increase engagement with our SPM network to support development of credible and practical guidance.

- 2. Increase public sector engagement**
 - 2.1. Identify candidates for working group who may contribute to content development.
 - 2.2. Solicit public sector professionals to become members and utilize the website.
 - 2.3. Re-enforce sustainable procurement priorities, strategies and goals of government and ask public sector organizations to support sustainable practices.
 - 2.4. Solicit suggestions, questions, specifications and experiences from members.
 - 2.5. Identify barriers and opportunities affecting the practices of sustainable procurement.

- 2.6. Engage public sector professionals to respond to and resolve barriers associated with sustainable procurement practices.
3. **Promote sustainable procurement to all Manitobans**
 - 3.1. Engage stakeholder organizations to consult and promote the website.
4. **Create and maintain up-to-date information and resources for the SPM website.**
 - 4.1. Review government priorities/strategies/programs and identify sustainable procurement practices that support those priorities/strategies/programs.
 - 4.2. Research requirements for environmental and socially preferable goods and services.
 - 4.3. Develop requirements for environmental and socially preferable goods and services that can be supplied in the marketplace.
 - 4.4. Incorporate best practices for goods and services from public sector organizations.
 - 4.5. Identify tools and resources that support sustainable procurement practices.
5. **Increase public sector knowledge of sustainable procurement practices**
 - 5.1. Coordinate and host workshops (at least every two years) to establish/review procurement priorities, provide website updates, provide training, recruit website users.
6. **Demonstrate benefits of SPM website and SPMWG to stakeholders.**
 - 6.1. Confirm stakeholder awareness and their support of the website.
 - 6.2. Report annual progress/status of sustainable procurement activity to members and stakeholders.