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To whom it may concern,
Please see my feedback on the draft plan on behalf of Irish Rail.
Could you please confirm receipt of this email. Thanks.

Regards

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Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan Public Consultation Feedback

Drafted by [REDACTED] Deputy Chief Procurement Officer, Irish Rail

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Date: 16th Nov 2013

This document aims to provide constructive feedback on the GPP strategy document on three areas: Minimum weighting on criteria, Training & Development and Reporting.

Minimum weighting on criteria

I believe that government should mandate a minimum weighting on sustainable award criteria. For instance, in the UK, there is a 10% minimum weighting on social value, which has significantly influenced supplier behaviour by encouraging the promotion of the local economy and creating opportunities for local labour. This approach has transformed public sector procurement in the UK, making social value a top priority from the outset. Mandating such criteria at the government level can streamline the process, eliminating debates about the necessity and specifics of sustainability criteria, and facilitate smoother implementation.

Training and development

All public sectors should set out annual funding for training staff in GPP. Refresher training should be provided to all staff involved in public tenders.

Iarnród Éireann has become founding partner of Sustainability School Ireland. They provide many training materials on various ESG topics, workshops/webinars etc. OGP as a central government procurement body should be involved and working with them to streamline all training materials for the public sector.

Reporting

There is no reference to Scope 1/2/3 carbon emission reporting in this plan.

From October 1st 2013 all publicly quoted UK incorporated companies must measure and report greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Similarly, this should be mandated in Ireland so that it can speed up the reporting process.

Additionally, I strongly recommend that government should provide a single streamlined system for all public contracting authorities to collect and monitor CO2 data from suppliers.

Finally, It is recommended that a forum to be set up by key stakeholders to facilitate regular meetings and share knowledge and lessons learned.

Overall, I welcome the new policy and do believe it will have positive impact on society. However, I suggest incorporating simple, practical, and measurable rules into the process to ensure ease of implementation. Streamlined platform and process should be adopted by the government to facilitate implementation of the strategy.