

Recycled Printing Papers framework - compliant and competitive

As part of its commitment to sustainable procurement, Buying Solutions now offer a new framework which enables public sector customers to access well known suppliers offering a range of competitively priced, coated and uncoated recycled papers.

Why purchase recycled paper?

Generally there is wide recognition that landfill of waste is the worst disposal option and recycling is the most desirable. Most life cycle analysis studies support this conclusion. Too often, collection is considered to be recycling. Whilst collection is an important part, it is only half of the equation. A market for the recovered material is just as important. The purchase of recycled copier, graphics and tissue paper is necessary to provide the economic incentive for collections especially from business and offices. The question is not one of “sustainable forests” or “recycling”. Where virgin paper is used sustainable forestry is necessary for many reasons including ensuring ancient woodlands are preserved. Recycling is necessary to provide an alternative to landfilling of paper waste. This is why recycled content paper procurement is now part of the Governments sustainability policy and is increasingly becoming a significant part of private company’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The good news is that procurement of recycled content paper can be a genuine ‘Quick Win’ and is an obvious and easy starting point for most organisations. The printed papers framework has been set up to make this even easier for public sector procurers. The 2005 Recycled Printing Papers framework agreement is a continuation of the existing Department for Transport (DfT) framework which has been instrumental in stimulating the market for the production of recycled paper.

The aim of the new framework is to promote, develop and further expand the market to meet the demands for recycled paper used by central government departments and the wider public sector for publicity, campaign print material, publications and printed stationery.

Designed specifically to meet the needs of public sector customers, the framework allows requirements to be called off quickly and offers recycled papers for a range of uses. The scope of the new offering includes:

- Matt/Silk coated sheets and reels
- Gloss coated sheet and reels
- White uncoated sheet and reels
- Uncoated tinted sheets and reels

The minimum re-cycled content for printing papers will be 75% for coated and 100% for uncoated papers.



Suppliers on the framework have been selected through a rigorous tendering process, compliant with OJEU regulations. Suppliers include:

- Antalis
- Howard Smith
- McNaughtons
- Premier Paper
- Robert Horne
- The Paper Company

The Government requires the public sector to use re-cycled printing papers to comply with the Waste Strategy 2000 Initiative and Sustainable Procurement Agenda, both of which encourage the wider use of recycling and using recycled products.

The Recycled Printing Papers framework agreements are accessible through Buying Solutions, although they have been developed and are managed by DfT. All public sector organisations are eligible to use the frameworks which not only offer value for money but enable customers to avoid the excessive costs of repeated procurement. The framework offers a number of key benefits:

- **Sustainability**

Stimulating the use of recycled paper will reduce the amount of waste going into landfill, increase demand for UK raw material and promote the wider implementation of recycling and the use of recycled materials.

- **Value for money**

In aggregating public sector demand and removing the need for suppliers to negotiate best deals with individual customers, the framework has secured extremely competitive rates. It is estimated customers can save approximately 18%.

- **Procurement efficiency**

In using the framework, customers avoid the time and costs incurred in conducting a full tender exercise.

- **Contract management**

DfT manage the contracts with suppliers. In working closely with the industry they ensure continuity in supply, product and service quality performance.

- **Quality**

High quality standards are maintained through the specification of named papers. Paper quality will be consistent with that supplied through the original framework.

For further information or a new entrants starter pack, please contact the Buying Solutions Customer Service Desk on 0845 410 2222.

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