

Ethical Trading & Sustainable Procurement Policy

JPA are committed to operating in a way which meets the needs of people (stakeholders up and down our supply chains) and planet through responsible trading ethical business activity.

When seeking new suppliers or re-auditing existing suppliers, we take the following factors into consideration, alongside any known or proven track record. Our selected supply chains are designed to reduce cost and risk, abuse, exploitation, waste, carbon and further demands on biodiversity and finite resources.

Financial Probity:	DUNS credit rating report supported by company accounts and bank references.
Insurances:	Liability cover Employers, Public, Product, Professional Indemnity.
Experience:	Examples of previous work, warranties, professional memberships.
Business Continuity:	The ability to continue operations in the event of disruption and successfully complete the project when these events occur.
Quality:	Evidence of Business Management System e.g. ISO9001:2015
Environment:	Evidence of Environmental Management System e.g. ISO14001:2015, Scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions calculations, published carbon reduction plans, product lifecycle reports and materials use, FISP or other industry certifications.
EDI	Evidenced awareness of business impacts on all stakeholders and community covering Equality, Diversity, Inclusivity, Modern Slavery and FSC® core labour requirements.
Materials:	Evidenced by high levels of materials re-use within products, take-back schemes and renewable or highly sustainable materials within products. Low chemicals
Health & Safety:	Ideally compliance to an externally accredited scheme such as OHAS8001, CHAS, Safe-Contractor to evidence of how all stakeholders are kept safe.

We believe that addressing all three pillars of sustainability equally will help to develop more cohesive communities to better combat the pressing social and environmental issues of our time.

