

## VENDOR CODE OF CONDUCT-SUSTAINABILITY

Florida Gulf Coast University regards our supplier base a critical and necessary extension of our operations and the University's commitment to environmental sustainability. To that end, the University has created the FGCU Supplier Code of Conduct. This code is a statement of Integrity that the University expects from its entire supplier base, contractors, consultants, vendors and agents.

In addition to the University's commitment to sustainability we encourage our suppliers to:

- Comply with local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.
- Operate with sustainable business practices and commit to the responsible use of environmental resources in the production, operation and distribution of their product(s).
- Minimization of waste.
- Recycling and reuse of product material where necessary.
- Conservation in the use of packaging materials.
- Proper management of operations that may harm the environment such as ensuring waste discharges are monitored, and use of earth friendly products.
- Water and energy use reduction and conservation methods are implemented.
- Memberships in trade organizations that encourage the use of sustainability practices.
- Obtaining "green" certifications as applicable to operations and support of earth friendly initiatives.
- Stewardship of product lifecycle as applicable to product line(s).

These principles outline a *wide range* of sustainability factors that Procurement Services considers when assessing and evaluating supplier relationships and are designed to work in conjunction with sustainability requirements included in University solicitation documents, purchase order terms and conditions, standard statements and contracts.