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**BSJ-180 SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT**

**PURPOSE**

To strive to purchase environmentally and socially responsible materials and products.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Energy Star** is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

**POLICY**

The University of Miami's Purchasing department will strive to conduct business in a sustainable manner.

**PROCEDURE**

1. Purchasing is interested in doing business with suppliers who have programs and policies that have to do with sustainable issues. These programs or policies should include reducing, reusing and recycling resources, disposal of organic and other solid waste, conservation efforts in regard to transportation, energy and water, disposal of hazardous waste, and giving back to the community.
2. Purchasing, when economically feasible, is interested in procuring environmentally friendly products whose quality, function, and cost are equal or superior to more traditional products.
3. Purchasing is committed to purchasing products that have earned the Energy Star label, and have met the Energy Star specifications for energy efficiency, wherever possible and practical. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for complete product specifications and updated lists of qualifying products.