



Quezon City

(Philippines)

Sustainable Procurement Profile



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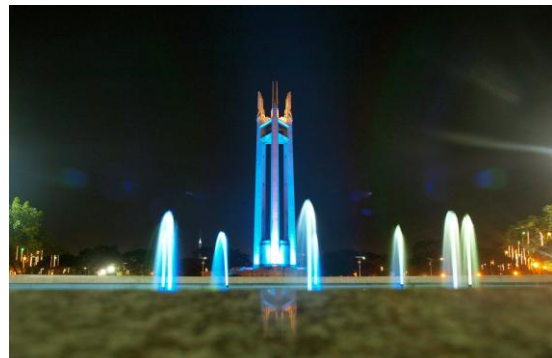


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PROCURING SUSTAINABLY, LEADING GLOBALLY



Introduction

Quezon City Mayor Hon. Herbert M. Bautista created the Environment Policy Management Council in 2010 and one of its main functions is to establish and provide mechanisms for the proper implementation of the Green Procurement Program pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 301. EO 301 was signed on March 29, 2004 by former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo mandating the establishment of a Green Public Procurement Program in all Government Offices.

On May 11, 2012, the Green Public Procurement Team (QC-GPP) was created through the EPMC to Monitor and Supervise the Green Public Procurement Program of Quezon City. Under the “Pilot Project for the Implementation of Green Public Procurement among Selected Government Institutions”, Quezon City was chosen as the local government representative for the five-month capacity building exercise.

Procurement in the city

The Quezon City General Procurement Office (GPO) is the main office tasked to facilitate the procurement of goods and services as well as infrastructure projects of all Departments and Offices of the City Government.

Aside from the GPO, there are two committees overseeing the procurement process, these are the Bids and Awards Committee for Goods and Services and Bids and Awards Committee for Infrastructure.

Each Department prepares a Project Procurement Management Plan every year to be consolidated by the City Budget Department into an annual Investment Plan for the approval of the City Council.

For Fiscal Year 2016, the total budget of the City is Php 16.1 billion or approximately 348 million USD.

All common-use supplies such as inks, paper, envelopes, folders, paper clips as well as equipment such as fax machines and printers are being requested from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) which is a National Government Agency through the General Services Department of the City.

OUR SPP ACHIEVEMENTS

The City, through the Task Force Streetlights has purchased 6,055 LED Streetlights (as of March 2016) which are now installed in the City (except for National Roads which is covered by the Road Board under the National Government). This is 11.91% of the total no. of streetlights that the City has. Power savings as of June 2015 is Php 1,088,344.76 (22,000 USD) per month

Sustainable Procurement strategy

The QC-GPP Team devised an Action Plan for the QC-GPP Program which was approved and signed by Hon. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista.

The program strategy is to promote the production and use of environment-friendly products by developing standard environmental guidelines/criteria to be incorporated in the required technical specifications of the product in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for goods and services.



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Eight commonly procured products and services were initially identified wherein standard environmental guidelines/criteria will be formulated. These are:

Procurement Sector	Product/Service
Lighting and Electrical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulbs • Ballast
Furniture and Fixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steel cabinets • Tables • Chairs
IT/Office equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copier • Personal Computer
General Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janitorial Services (cleaning agents and materials)

With the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding last 29 February 2016, the abovementioned items may still be changed under the “Development of Environmental Specifications for Products for the Implementation of Green Public Procurement” of the European Union Switch Asia Programme Policy Support to the Philippines and the “Establishment and Implementation of GPP in Quezon City for the Promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Philippines under the 10-year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)” project in coordination with Philippine Council for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI).

Two GPP Training Courses were held last September 14 to 16, 2016 and October 14 to 16, 2016. These consisted of a series of workshops regarding the establishment and implementation of Green Public Procurement in Quezon City for the promotion of Sustainable Consumption in the Philippines.

What we purchase sustainably

Buildings/Construction

- Results of the GHG Inventory (2010) of the Quezon City Government shows that streetlights emitted 24% or a total of 14,922,134.77 kg of eCO₂. As a carbon emission reduction strategy, the City implemented the Energy Efficient Streetlighting Program spearheaded by the City's Task Force on Streetlights. The aim of the project was to change existing streetlights to LED Streetlights in the thoroughfares managed by the local government.



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- As of March 2016, 6,055 LED Streetlights are now installed in the City. This is 11.91% of the City's streetlights
- Conversion of all non-LED into LED Streetlights and to put up a Central Management System once approved by the City Mayor.

Energy

- As part of the carbon emission reduction strategy of the City, solar panels will be installed in public schools of the City which is set to start during the 3rd qtr. of 2016.
- A pilot school has been identified for the installation of solar panels. Procurement for the said panels are already underway.
- Once this pilot project has been deemed successful, this will be replicated in other government institutions, public schools, barangay halls and other government-owned buildings.

Waste to Energy Facility

- Based on the 2010 GHG inventory of the City, the waste sector has contributed to 270,605.34 tCO₂e. With the increase in population it is inevitable that the waste of the City will also increase given that currently, the waste generation per day is around 2,700 tons/day.

- The City Government is planning to establish a waste-to-energy through Public-Private Partnership.

How we purchase it

Supplier engagement

Generally, in line with the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184, Series of 2003 or the “Government Procurement Reform Act” (GPRA), the Invitation to Bid/Request for Expression of Interest shall be posted continuously in the PhilGEPS website (Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System), the website of the City Government and the website prescribed by the foreign government/foreign or international financing institution if applicable, for seven (7) calendar days starting on the date of advertisement and posted at any conspicuous place reserved for this purpose in the premises of the procuring entity concerned for seven (7) calendar days, if applicable, as certified by the head of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat of the procuring entity concerned. For contracts with an approved budget of Two Million Pesos (Php 2,000,000.00), the same should also be advertised in one (1) newspaper of general circulation nationwide. Bids will then be evaluated and shortlisted bidders will be subject to public bidding.

Keeping track of procurement

The GPRA has a provision that mandates all government agencies to utilize the PhilGEPS website as the single portal that shall serve as the primary source of information on all government procurement. The whole procurement process is recorded and posted electronically for easy access. The General Procurement Office of the City Government is in-charge of posting since all services/goods, etc. for procurement is handled by the said Office.

Challenges for the future

Government agencies are concerned on the restrictions on procurement since we are governed by the provisions of RA 9184 or the Procurement Law. Should the implementation of Green Public Procurement also involve the procurement of green labelled products, it would be very limiting which is not allowed by the said Law given that there are only a few products that have acquired the Green Label, hence, implementation of such may cause legal implications.

Since there are only a few products with Green Label or Eco-Label, one of the solutions is to include environmental criteria in the specifications for items as well as the Terms of Reference (TOR) for goods and services and infrastructure projects. For example, the existing TOR of the City’s Solid Waste Cleaning, Collection and Disposal Services has included the provision that the contractors are required to convert 10% of their existing fleet to use Green Fuel Technology

and the securing of all necessary Environmental permits and clearances prior to operation.

Further information

Quezon City has been featured in the newsletter of the PCEPSDI. The feature was on the workshop conducted for the Establishment and Implementation of Green Public Procurement (GPP) in Quezon City for the Promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in the Philippines. Also, the schedule of activities for 2017 has been attached. (please see attached PDF file)

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