



GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA POLICY ON PUBLIC SECTOR PROCUREMENT

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ), under the authority of the Cabinet, hereby promulgates its public sector procurement policy in the acquisition of goods, works and services, with the objectives of:

- maximizing economy and efficiency in procurement;
- fairness, integrity and public confidence in the procurement process;
- sustainable development through minimizing negative impact on the environment;
- and
- fostering national growth and development.

In pursuit of these objectives, the GOJ shall ensure:

1. That the public sector procurement policy applies to all procurement by public sector entities including central government Ministries and Departments, local government authorities, statutory bodies, executive agencies, public enterprises and any other government entity in which GOJ owns majority share or otherwise exercises control over the operations of the entity, including an entity acting on behalf of the Government.
2. That Value For Money is primary, with particular attention to efficiency, effectiveness, quality and sustainable development for the long term.
3. That the requisite systems are transparent, coordinated and uniform service-wide.
4. That procurement decisions reflect a commitment to minimization of the negative impact on the environment, disaster preparedness and emergency management.
5. That, with due regard to international and/or regional obligations, public sector procurement shall as far as practicable provide opportunity for capable domestic contractors to participate in the provision of goods, services and works on a sustainable and efficient basis as an integral part of the process of national development.
6. That as far as consistent with the objectives of this policy, public sector procurement activities shall be conducted fairly, allowing for equal treatment of contractors.
7. That, recognizing the need for flexibility in the application of procurement modalities, although competitive tender is the primary mode, the use of limited tender (shopping) and direct contracting through negotiation or sole-source processes, with due consideration to the nature and circumstance of the procurement is permitted.