



Cantium Supply Chain Charter

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Encouraging Ethical Procurement within our Supply Chain

Cantium Business Solutions Ltd (Cantium), is a Local Authority Trading Company (LATCo), ultimately owned by Kent County Council (KCC). It therefore has a vital role in supporting both the public sector and the wider business community to embrace an ethically sustainable approach to sourcing, contract management and service delivery. Cantium is focused on encouraging our supply chain to deliver continuous improvement through the provision of innovative, cost effective and efficient solutions.

Cantium follow the principles of the UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy (Securing the Future). This provides motivation to bring added value to public purse. By leading through example, Cantium target their efforts on contribution to the development of sustainable business practices for the greater good of the community.

Sustainable development and in particular procurement refers to all Corporate Responsibility issues. Public procurement is seen as a lever to achieve wider environmental, social and economic policy objectives. Cantium incorporates these objectives into our procurement process in ways that are consistent with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, based on value for money; whilst ensuring this is performed in a way that aims to reduce the administrative burden on all transacting parties.

Cantium are committed to building strong supplier relationships to deliver objectives in support of all our stakeholders. Through our handling of each phase of the procurement cycle, from initial business planning through to contract award and contract management, we play our part and expect our suppliers to do likewise.

It is important to note that all actions taken must be consistent with Cantium's Procurement Principles which are based on achieving value for money.