12 Ethical Procurement

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Scope: WCA directors, personnel, associates and subcontractors, as applicable to their work.

Purpose

Ensure purchasing and subcontracting decisions are fair, transparent and proportionate.

Policy commitment

WCA will select suppliers on relevant criteria, avoid improper influence and respect applicable contractual and legal obligations.

Implementation

Document requirements, compare suitable suppliers where proportionate, check competence, conflicts, safeguarding, data protection and labour risks. Agree written terms, deliverables, payment arrangements and subcontracting permissions.

Reporting and accountability

Maintain decision records and monitor supplier performance. Escalate suspected misconduct, address breaches and terminate arrangements where justified. Follow buyer-specific procurement conditions when bidding or delivering contracts.