# **Supplier Code of Conduct**



# **Overview**

PSD Energy is committed to ethical, sustainable, and socially responsible procurement and we expect the same high standards of our Suppliers. It views its Suppliers as partners and it cares about the way they do business when providing goods or services, including construction works and services, to the company.

The Supplier Code of Conduct (Code) describes the minimum expectations in the areas of integrity, ethics, and conduct; conflict of interest, gifts, benefits and hospitality; corporate governance; labour and human rights; health and safety; and environmental management. Suppliers to the Company are advised to review the Code and ensure that relevant areas of their business and supply chain meet these standards.

# Application of this Code

PSD Energy seeks to work with its Suppliers to meet and exceed minimum expectations as outlined in this Code and continuously strives to improve the standard of its business practices. By Supplier, the company means any entity that supplies goods or services, including construction works and services, to the company. Where the Code refers to workers, it includes employees, contractors, agency and temporary staff of the Supplier and its related entities. Where the Code refers to the law it means the laws in the jurisdiction that apply where the goods are procured, or services are performed. Fundamental to this Code is an expectation that all Suppliers operate in full compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the jurisdictions in which they do business.

The expectations outlined in the Code are not intended to supersede or alter the Supplier's regulatory and contractual obligations. The company expects all existing and new Suppliers to commit to the Code. Suppliers should check their respective contracts, agreements, and purchase orders as they may contain additional obligations or higher standards than those set out in this code.

The company expects Suppliers to communicate the Code to their related entities, Suppliers and subcontractors who support them in supplying goods and services to the company, so that they are aware of, understand and comply with the Code.

# Reporting misconduct, unethical behaviour, or suspected corruption

If a Supplier considers that another Supplier has deviated from or breached their obligations under this Code or that a PSD Energy employee has breached this Code of Conduct, it is expected to report these concerns to a director or senior manager of PSD Energy.



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# Corrective action process

Suppliers are expected to self assess their compliance with the Code and take timely action to correct any deficiencies or breaches reported or identified by an audit, assessment, inspection, investigation, or review.



Suppliers are encouraged to raise any concerns, discuss, and seek clarification accordingly to any elements of the Code with the relevant engineer or project manager, or the primary PSD Energy contact in relation to the goods or services or the construction works and services, they are providing. If requested by the company, Suppliers must provide evidence and confirmation of their compliance with the Code, including the provision of documents and records that support their compliance. Suppliers are expected to support PSD Energy in reviewing compliance with the Code.

# Integrity, ethics, and conduct

PSD Energy expects high standards of ethical conduct and compliance with all applicable laws. Suppliers are expected to be ethical in their business activities, including relationships, practices, sourcing, and operations.

#### Business integrity

Suppliers are expected to comply with all anti bribery, anti-corruption, anti money laundering, and modern slavery laws. Suppliers must not engage in, either directly or indirectly, fraudulent, corrupt, exploitative, or collusive activities.

#### Record keeping and documentation

Suppliers are expected to maintain adequate records that accurately record all financial transactions and information regarding its business activities, labour, health and safety and environmental practices in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures. Disclosure of information is expected to be undertaken without falsification or misrepresentation.

#### Professional conduct

Suppliers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is fair, professional and that will not bring the Council into disrepute.

#### Confidentiality

Suppliers must not improperly use any private, confidential, or commercially sensitive information in its possession relating to or in connection with its dealings with the Council.

# Conflict of interest; gifts, benefits, and hospitality

PSD Energy believes that all business activities should be undertaken with impartiality and any conflict of interest should be raised and managed.

#### Conflict of interest

Suppliers must notify PSD Energy senior management or the primary PSD Energy contact in relation to the goods or services or the construction works and services, they are providing any

situation that raises an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest related to or in connection with its dealings with the company; and

avoid financial, business, or other relationships which may compromise the performance of their duties under their business arrangement with the company. Under the Company's Code of Conduct, employees are expected to avoid actual, perceived, and potential conflicts of interest wherever possible. Any conflicts of interest that cannot be avoided are expected to be declared and managed appropriately.



#### Gifts, benefits, and hospitality

PSD Energy personnel must conduct themselves with the highest standards of integrity, impartiality, and accountability; and perform their duties without favouritism, bias or for personal gain.

The appropriate handling of offers of gifts, benefits and hospitality is critical to earning and sustaining public trust. As such, Suppliers should not offer PSD Energy personnel gifts or benefits, either directly or indirectly, and offers of hospitality will be limited to those acceptable under the company gift policy.

Suppliers should not take any action in order to entice or obtain any unfair or improper advantage.

### Corporate governance

Commitment to sound management administration, risk, and corrective action systems, are key to a reliable supply chain for PSD Energy. Suppliers are expected to maintain sound administration processes.

#### Risk Assessment and management

Suppliers should develop and maintain a process to identify, manage and control relevant risks associated with its operations. These include supply chain risks and risks relating to labour and human rights, health and safety, the environment, business ethics, and corporate governance.

#### Critical incident management

Suppliers should identify and assess potential critical incident, emergency situations and business continuity risks; and

develop and implement emergency plans and response procedures that minimise harm to life, environment, and property, while minimising disruption to business continuity.

#### Audits and Assessments

To ensure compliance with this Code and the applicable laws, Suppliers are expected to perform periodic evaluations of their facilities and operations, and the facilities and operations of their subcontractors; and cooperate openly and honestly with any PSD Energy audits, assessments, or reviews.

# Labour and human rights

PSD Energy believes that all workers in its supply chain deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Suppliers are expected to provide a fair and ethical workplace, which upholds high

standards of human rights and integrates appropriate labour and human rights policies and practices into its business.

#### Anti discrimination

Subject to applicable laws, Suppliers are expected not to discriminate against any worker based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, union membership, or any other status protected by law, in hiring and other employment practices.

#### Anti harassment

Suppliers are expected to commit to a workplace free from workplace bullying, harassment, victimisation, and abuse. Suppliers are expected not to bully workers or threaten workers with, or subject them to, unlawful or inhumane treatment. This includes, but is not limited to, abuse and harassment which can be verbal, physical, sexual, or psychological.

#### Human rights

Suppliers are expected to provide goods and services in a manner consistent with any applicable human rights obligations.

Consistent with relevant modern slavery legislation, Suppliers are expected to proactively identify, address and – where required by legislation – report on risks of modern slavery practices (defined broadly to include all forms of human trafficking, forced labour and slavery-like practices) in their business operations and supply chains.

#### Prevention of involuntary and underage labour

Suppliers are expected to ensure that all work is undertaken without coercion; not use any form of forced, bonded, or indentured labour; and employ only workers who are the applicable minimum legal age.

All use of temporary and outsourced labour should be within the limits of the law. Suppliers are therefore expected to use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the third-party recruitment agencies it uses are compliant with the provisions of this Code and applicable law; and be responsible for payment of all recruitment related fees and expenses in recruiting foreign contract workers either directly or through third party agencies.

#### Working hours, wages, and benefits

Suppliers must follow all applicable laws and regulations with respect to wages, working hours and workers compensation insurance; ensure that all workers receive their legally mandated minimum wages, benefits, superannuation, leave entitlements and time off for legally recognised holidays; and pay workers' wages as required under applicable laws in a timely manner and not be expected to use wage deductions as a disciplinary measure. All overtime is expected to be reasonable and paid at the rate and in accordance with the applicable laws.

#### Freedom of association and collective bargaining

Suppliers are expected to freely allow workers to associate with others, form and join (or refrain from joining) industrial organisations or associations of their choice and bargain collectively, or engage in any lawful industrial activity without interference, discrimination, retaliation or harassment.



# Health and Safety

Worker health, safety and well being is of paramount importance to PSD Energy. Suppliers are expected to provide a healthy and safe work environment and integrate sound health and safety management practices into its business.



#### Workplace health and safety management

Suppliers must comply with all applicable laws relating to workplace health and safety.

Suppliers are expected to manage occupational health and safety hazards; and provide workers with job related training and consult with employees in relation to the provision of information and training.

### Environmental Management

PSD Energy is committed to promoting environmental responsibility. Suppliers are expected to minimise the environmental impact of their operations and maintain environmentally responsible policies and practices.

#### Environmental impacts

Suppliers must comply with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the environment, including any management, and reporting obligations. Suppliers are expected to manage the environmental impact of their operations by:

- ensuring the safe storage, transportation and disposal of high-risk and hazardous materials and substances including combustible recyclable and waste materials and hazardous waste.
- maintaining policies and practices for the efficient use of energy, water, and natural resource consumption; and
- maintaining policies and practices that reduce the risk of pollution, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, damage to ecosystems and greenhouse gas emissions.