

Procurement and Purchasing Policy

Canadian University Dubai's procurement policy ensures that all purchasing activities align with ethical practices, efficiency, and strategic goals, as outlined in the **Purchasing and Inventory Control Policy** in [CUD Policy and Procedure Manual](#). Employees authorized to purchase goods and services must follow the established business practices, prioritizing the best value combination of price, sustainability, quality, service deliverables, and payment terms. The University is not obligated to accept the lowest bid and emphasizes strong procurement standards communicated to suppliers. More on this in our [Sustainable Investment Policy](#).

Ethical practices are paramount, requiring employees to act in the University's best interest, avoid conflicts of interest, decline personal gifts, act in good faith, obtain consent before using proprietary designs, and treat all suppliers courteously.

Sustainability is also integrated into procurement. The university prioritizes purchasing products from local, sustainable sources to support the national economy and reduce the carbon footprint. This includes collaborating with local suppliers and favoring suppliers who practice sustainability, such as reducing packaging, minimizing chemical use, and maintaining ethical labor practices. Specifically for food and supplies for meetings and events, CUD prioritizes organic, seasonal, and locally sourced food, selects suppliers with ethical labor practices, minimizes single-use plastics and food waste, and ensures diverse dietary options. Suppliers are preferred if certified by standards like [Fairtrade](#) or [Rainforest Alliance](#). Event organizers must use environmentally friendly materials and minimize waste through portion control and potential donation of surplus food.