

PROCUREMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Citybus Ltd, Northern Ireland Railways Company Ltd and Ulsterbus Ltd, known as Translink, is dedicated to operating a Procurement Management System in accordance with all relevant company, industry and legislative requirements, in order to demonstrate its commitment to the provision of a quality procurement service.

This will incorporate:

- Timely delivery and value for money
- Supplier management
- Best procurement and commercial practice
- Protection of Translink interests
- Full recognition of safety and environmental concerns
- Compliance with Specification
- Ethical, social and environmental responsibility

We will establish mandatory procedures and controls that adhere to all applicable policies and legislation to ensure all holders of delegated procurement authority act within the aims of the Procurement Policy.

We will develop stable, long term relationships with key suppliers and at the same time encouragement will be given to appropriate new suppliers in order to maximise the benefit of competitive procurement.

Contracts will be awarded to suppliers who meet the specified quality, reliability and safety requirements that represent the best overall value to Translink. These will be based on 'whole life' costs that also consider factors such as technical compliance, operating costs, warranty and product support, inventory and distribution costs, pricing and payment schedules.

Holders of Delegated Procurement Authority will be subject to frequent review and audit to verify compliance with the instructions contained in this manual.

It is part of the Company's training programme; to ensure that this policy statement is briefed, understood and implemented at all levels within the company.

Signed

Catherine Mason Group Chief Executive

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