



Sustainable ICT Procurement - Current Best Practice and Future Opportunities in Universities and Colleges

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Purchasing ICT equipment and technologies which are very energy efficient, and which have a relative small environmental footprint, is one of the most important sustainability actions for FHE institutions. The recent JISC-financed SustelT report identified a number of valuable initiatives in the field, but also concluded that more needed to be done to supplement these. This event has therefore been organised to provide key stakeholders from within and outside the sector, and from IT, procurement and other functions, with an opportunity to:

Share experience on current activities and best practice;

Update on relevant new developments, such as forthcoming OGC guidance, Energy Star 5 and the proposed UK/EU Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) scheme; and

Explore opportunities for future initiatives in the field (whilst ensuring that they complement rather than duplicate existing ones).

There are no preconceptions about how such initiatives might be organised and financed, but they are likely to be of interest to the forthcoming JISC Green IT programme, which is currently being planned.

See over for details of the two events.



Event Details

July 2 – Sustainable ICT Procurement Chaucer Building, Nottingham Trent University Event 1330-1630. Lunch from 1300.

A more detailed agenda will be available mid June. Current plans include short presentations by several sector procurement bodies on current and planned actions; by Simon Redding, Environment Agency specialist in sustainable ICT and responsible for liaison between the Government's Green ICT Delivery Unit and the US EPEAT programme; and by SustelT on Energy Star 5.0 and other EU initiatives.

There is no charge but places are limited. Please book by visiting www.eventlink.org.uk.

The SustelT report identified some possible future measures to assist sustainable procurement in further and higher education as:

A more active role with regard to environmental labelling, including early endorsement of Energy Star 5.0 and active support for the development of a European EPEAT scheme;

Development of simple TCO software which could highlight key sustainability-related costs and benefits, and provide more standardised approaches to ICT purchasing decisions;

Development of simple systems (such as a wiki-like database that could be populated by a community of users) which could collate data on the energy consumption of devices, and provide this in a form which could be used in a standardised TCO model; and

Negotiation of national 'bulk buy' rates for a small number of key energy efficiency devices, such as low power PCs and servers.