

Procurement Code of Ethics

The Nipissing University Procurement Code of Ethics is integral to the University's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy and the University's practices are guided by this Code of Ethics.

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Nipissing University aspires to high ethical, legal, environmental, managerial and professional standards in the management of the resources entrusted to it. Within this context, the University shall procure goods and services in an open, fair and transparent manner and in a competitive environment, so that all transactions yield the optimal benefit to the University in these circumstances.

Guidelines

1. Personal Integrity and Professionalism

All individuals involved with purchasing or other supply chain-related activities must act, and must be seen to act, with integrity and professionalism. Honesty, care and due diligence must be integral to all supply chain activities within Nipissing University and between suppliers and any other stakeholders. Respect must be demonstrated for each other and for the environment. Confidential information must be safeguarded. All participants must not engage in any activity that may create, or appear to create, a conflict of interest, such as accepting gifts or favours, providing preferential treatment, or publicly endorsing suppliers or products.

2. Accountability and Transparency

Supply chain activities must be open and accountable. In particular contracting and purchasing activities must be fair, transparent and conducted with a view to obtaining the best value for the University. All participants must ensure that University resources are used in a responsible, efficient and effective manner.

3. Compliance and Continuous Improvement

All individuals involved in purchasing or other supply chain-related activities must comply with this Procurement Code of Ethics and the laws of Canada and Ontario. All individuals should continuously work to improve supply chain policies and procedures, to improve their supply chain knowledge and skill levels, and to share leading procurement practices.

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