The Public Procurement Agency in Slovenia was established in 2010 and went into operation in January 2011. It is responsible for carrying out joint procurements for Slovenian public authorities for a number of product and service groups. As part of its mandate, the Agency implements GPP criteria in its procurement of electricity, paper, office IT equipment and vehicles.

This builds upon the work done by the Ministry of Public Administration to introduce GPP as part of central purchasing in Slovenia. The Agency currently purchases on behalf of about 130 authorities across the public sector.

Slovenia's National Action Plan on GPP covers the period 2009-2012. It sets a target for 50% of all procurement by central government authorities in eight product groups to include GPP criteria by 2012. For electricity, the target is 100% green procurement, reflecting the availability of hydroelectric and biomass (wood) energy sources. The strategy also includes training on GPP, pilot projects and assisting public authorities in attaining third-party certified environmental management systems.

Criteria used

1. **Subject matter of the contract:**
   Supply of electricity to public authorities for a period of 24 months.

   **Technical specifications:**
   At least 30% of the electricity supplied must be produced from renewable sources or cogeneration of heat and electricity with high efficiency (defined as “green electricity”).

   **Award criteria:**
   Most economically advantageous tender in terms of:
   - **Price**: 96.1 points
   - **Percentage of green electricity offered above minimum**: 3.9 points (Each additional percentage of green electricity above the minimum 30% means 0.15 points)

   **Verification/Contract performance clauses:**
   For the purpose of evaluating compliance with the specifications and award criteria regarding the supply of green electricity, a declaration from the supplier is required. Guarantees of Origin will be required 12 months after the entry into force of the contract, to establish that the percentage of green electricity has been delivered.

2. **Subject matter of the contract:**

   **Technical specifications: (For all lots except cargo vans)**
   All vehicles must meet the EURO 5 emissions standard or equivalent. Maximum CO2 emissions range from 115 g/km for small cars to 180 g/km for mini-buses.

   **Award criteria:**
   Most economically advantageous tender in terms of:
   - **Operational lifetime costs†**: 81 points
   - **Service network**: 5 points
   - **Safety and environmental equipment**: 4 points
   - **Gear shift indicator**: 1 point
   - **Warranty period**: 4 points
   - **Delivery time**: 3 points
   - **Tyre pressure monitor**: 2 points
Lessons learned

When administering contracts, it’s necessary to foster competitiveness among contractors to deliver good economic and environmental performance. High priority should be given to surveying the market and ensuring that the procurer has up-to-date information in order to set and achieve appropriate standards.

On 8 December 2011 the Government of the Republic of Slovenia adopted a Decree on Green Public Procurement, which will aid all contracting entities when launching a contract award procedure. The Decree stipulates that for 11 product and service groups, public buyers will have to consider minimum and extra environmental requirements, as well as award criteria. It identifies a number of statements or declarations which can serve as proof of these requirements.

For more information, please see European GPP criteria for Electricity, Combined Heat and Power and Transport. Contact details: Matjaž Uhan, Head of Division, Public Procurement Agency of Slovenia, Email: Matjaz.Uhan@ajn.si