


	Description: UNOPS Tender for Long Term Agreement (LTA), Field Motor vehicles
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Purchasing Authority	Tender prepared by UNOPS Headquarters – Copenhagen, with the assistance of UNEP on environmental issues. LTAs established with vehicle suppliers; vehicles selected through this tender exercise appear on the UNWebbuy catalogue. UN agencies, governments, IFIs and NGOs can purchase vehicles from the selection on the UN Webbuy catalogue.
Contract Title	Tender for Long Term Agreement (LTA), Field Motor vehicles OPS-39-2008 1st February 2009 – 31st October 2011.
Sustainability Criteria	Alongside with normal vehicles specifications, suppliers were requested to provide non-compulsory information on emissions control standard (Euro 1-5), CO ₂ emissions and ISO 14001 certification. This information has been made available to UNWebbuy users through a colour-based scheme. Whenever suppliers have chosen not to disclose the environmental data, their vehicles have been administratively assigned the worst rating.
Cost Implications	The cost of purchasing a greener vehicle will rest on the final buyer. However, fuel consumption is highlighted in the database, so that final users consider fuel consumption (and consequently CO ₂ emissions) when assessing the whole life cost of the vehicles.
Challenges & Solutions	<p>Not all vehicle suppliers showed the same readiness to provide the environmental information requested.</p> <p>Another barrier was the difficulty to identify an appropriate international reference system for CO₂ emissions. Rating systems originate in fact from developed countries, and they don't fit perfectly the distribution of vehicles intended for developing country road conditions. This technical limitation has resulted in a concentration of vehicles in the worst categories; further work is required to overcome this barrier.</p> <p>Cooperation with UNEP was very positive, and enabled to connect this initiative to existing projects such as the Partnership for clean fuels and vehicles (PCFV) and SUN.</p> <p>In view of future tenders, UNOPS is working to encourage all suppliers to provide the environmental information, and to improve the reference system.</p>
Benefits for the Organization	UNWebbuy is a catalogue managed by UNOPS and used by its customers. Therefore the main benefits for UNOPS are in terms of better image with clients and stakeholders, and of furtherance of UNOPS sustainable procurement policy.

Lessons Learned	UNOPS and UNEP consider the initiative a success, paving the way for a more ambitious approach in occasion of the renewal of the LTA, in two years time.
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