


Sustainable procurement – Best practices in the UN

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Purchasing authority	Director of Logistics International Bureau Weltpoststrasse 4 3000 BERNE 15 SWITZERLAND	
Contract title	Renovation of the facade of the UPU headquarters building	
Sustainability criteria	The renovation of the UPU building facade will be based on environmental specifications: the bids submitted by engineers should incorporate more ecologically sound materials (windows, insulation and blinds).	
Cost implications	Investment and renovation are planned in 2010 / 2011 Return on investment expected in 40 to 50 years	
Challenges and solutions	Financial challenge: to secure the necessary budget resources for the renovation Technical challenge: to find enough prospective suppliers offering environmentally sound materials	
Benefits for the organization	Renovation of the building's facade (scheduled for 2010-2011) should reduce annual energy consumption by 58%. The decision to renovate the facade was based on the following considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – economic (too high a cost in energy losses for the UPU); – safety (safety standards not complied with); – comfort of staff (temperature variations in the building (too hot in summer, too cold in winter) had a negative impact on staff's work environment). With the renovation, all of these problems should be resolved, and in a greener way. The renovation will also have positive impact on the community by improving the way the building fits into its environment and improving relations with local residents. This renovation should enhance member countries' image of the International Bureau by showing that management of the building can be both ecological and economical.	
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