Advantest Guidelines for the Green Procurement

I. Objectives:

With the drives for green procurement, the Advantest Group works to reduce the environmental burdens in the entire chain of its production activities, including those by the vendors and the outsourced assembly and processing companies. By delivering green products, the Group aims to protect the global environment and create a recycle-based society.

II. Scope:

These guidelines apply to any material, components and modules that make up the Advantest products, any packaging and padding materials, and any other material used in the manufacturing process.

III. Principles of the Green Procurement:

Advantest’s vendors are selected, in principle, on the basis of their overall economic rationality such as quality, prices and time for delivery of their products in each transaction. In addition, Advantest also takes account of the aspect of environmental protection by giving its preference to the vendors that engage in environmentally friendly activities and procures from them the materials, components and products with less environmental burdens. It should be noted, however, that the vendors shall voluntarily engage in their environmental protection activities in principle.

Your support for the principles of the green procurement described in the diagram below and in the following discussion is important.

Diagram: Principles of the Green Procurement

- Drive for Environmental Protection
  - Corporate Philosophy/Policies
  - Organization/Planning
  - Management System
  - Information Disclosure
  - Education/Awareness

- Procurement of Parts and Material with Less Environmental Burdens
  - Compliance with Laws and Regulations
  - Reduction of Hazardous Substances
  - Resource-saving
  - Energy-saving
  - Recycles
  - Reduction of Packaging Material

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IV. Procuring from the Vendors who Support Environmental Protection:

Advantest gives preference to the vendors who engage in the environmentally conscious activities, including the acquisition of the ISO14001 certification.

Advantest uses the following criteria to assess a vendor’s commitment to its environmental protection activities. The vendor shall:

A. Have corporate principles (and/or environmental policies) on the global environmental protection in place,
B. Have an officer, a dedicated organization, and/or staff in charge of promoting the environmental protection in effect. The operation of the organization shall be based on a continuous improvement plan.
C. Have a management system that can identify any environmental burdens (e.g., emission of chemical substances and waste, consumption of energy, etc.) generated during its business activities and has a system that ensures its compliance with the environment-related laws, regulations and local government ordinances.
D. Be able to disclose any information related to the environmental protection, and
E. Otherwise implement environment-related education and awareness initiatives and shall have a mechanism of green procurement.
F. Take the measure which considered conservation of biodiversity.

V. Procuring Parts and Material with Less Environmental Burdens:

In its effort to select and procure the items with less environmental burdens, Advantest has established its criteria for the procurement of items with less environmental burdens. Advantest uses the following criteria to assess a vendor’s commitment to the reduction of environmental burdens. The vendor shall:

A. Comply with the laws, regulations and ordinances regarding the procured items and have, in particular, a proper control of substances prohibited to be contained in the items,
B. Use the minimum possible amount of material and provide the maximum consideration for the use of recycled material in its products,
C. Provide the maximum consideration for the reduction of energy in each step of manufacturing, distribution and use of the products,
D. Use recyclable material in its products, design the products with easy separation and disassembly by material, and provide consideration for reusability, and
E. Use packaging material with less environmental burdens and minimize the use of such material. It also conforms to the collection, reuse and recycling system in the society.
VI. Implementation and Revision of these Guidelines:

These Guidelines are subject to revision, depending on the changes in the social circumstances and others.

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