

# The Mayor's Green Procurement Code in London

## The Initiators

- London Mayor
- London Remade. The organisation is situated in London in England.

## Brief Summary

In June 2001 London Mayor launched the program called The Mayor's Green Procurement Code. This program is managed by the London Remade.

The Mayors Green Procurement Code is a closed loop recycling programme. The program aims to work with different organisations to help them to recycle and buy back new products containing a recycled content. The Code is based on continuous improvement and has four different levels. By completing the actions set out by each level, the organisation will qualify for the next level until they reach the highest.

## Detailed description

The Mayor's Green Procurement Code was launched by the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, in June 2001 and initially focused on stimulating demand for the purchase of recycled content products throughout the Capital. Through London Remade's management, signatories to the Mayor's Code were assisted to change their organisations purchasing behaviour on a wide variety of products ranging from office stationery to aggregate.

London Remade is an innovative recycling programme aimed at increasing markets for recycled products and driving the development of an entrepreneurial recycling supply chain. They have developed and expanded the Mayor's Green Procurement Code. This is the 4 level program, where organisation can improve them on committing to the recycling and buying recycled products. By completing the actions set out by each level, the organisation will qualify for the next level until they reach the highest.

London Remade has also developed Toolkit for The Mayor's Green Procurement Code. This is the culmination of their experiences since the conception of the Mayor's Green Procurement Code. Many of the documents have been provided by experts in the procurement and waste management fields and existing signatories, and have been developed using the international experience gained by London Remade employees. The intention of the toolkit is to help organisations to set up a successful Green Procurement and recycling programme of their own, guided by London Remade's Green Procurement Brokers.

The 4 levels of The Mayor's Green Procurement Code are:

At **Level A1** of the Code the London Remade addresses the various barriers which can arise when embarking on a buy recycled purchasing policy or trying to establish a recycling scheme. London Remade is helping organisations to overcome the specified barriers for buying recycled products and the barriers for collecting and recycling the waste.

At **Level A2** of the Code, the London Remade is offering more one on one support to the organisations to start to implement the program within the organisation. For that London Remade is providing help on establishing current purchasing and waste management practices, to select products, what to buy and most importantly to set the goals and timelines.

At **Level B1** of the Mayor's Code, organisations are encouraged to create/maintain a working group invaluable to address the development of a recycling scheme or purchasing policy. At this level, London Remade staff is working closely with the organisation on an one to one basis.

At level B1 London Remade helps to audit waste management practices, to review recycled-content purchasing data and through participation in the purchase report they provide the organisation with a confidential document illustrating company's commitment to green procurement. The data is presented using expenditure and tonnage figures of all recycled products purchased.

At **Level B2** of the Code the London Remade will provide support and advice on reviewing data which is already collected, communicating with stakeholders and finally, helps to set new targets for the future improvements.

Having achieved level B2 of the Mayor's Green Procurement Code, one of the key criteria for maintaining organisation's position is the provision of data and setting measurable targets.

More information can be found at the London Remade webpage: [www.londonremade.com](http://www.londonremade.com) and on the Mayor's Green Procurement Code Toolkit CD.

Sample contract clauses and specifications for recycled products can be found at the following websites:

- UK Environment Agency: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- Aggregain: [www.aggregain.org.uk](http://www.aggregain.org.uk)
- National Green Specification (for construction waste management, recycling and products ) [www.greenspec.co.uk](http://www.greenspec.co.uk)