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## Purchasing Policy\*

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## 1. Introduction

Luleå University of Technology, as an authority under the government, is one among several actors responsible for the realization of the "National Procurement Strategy" developed by the government. Overall, the strategy focuses on ensuring that public procurement is efficient, legally secure and takes advantage of competition in the market, promoting innovative solutions and leading to increased growth and employment as well as sustainable development with regards to environmental, social and ethical aspects.

Luleå University of Technology is responsible for its purchase of goods and services for significant amounts. As a government agency, Luleå University of Technology is responsible for ensuring that allocated resources are managed and used in the most efficient way possible.

## 2. Extent

The purchasing policy covers all purchases of goods, services, contracts and concessions from external parties within the University and covers all organisational units within the University. The concept of purchasing includes the entire chain from need to fulfillment.

All purchases at Luleå University of Technology must be made with regard to current legal rules, the National Procurement Strategy, the Purchasing Policy for Luleå University of Technology and the Rules for Purchasing with associated documents.

## 3. National Procurement Strategy

Based on the National Procurement Strategy, applicable legal rules and basic EU law principles, Luleå University of Technology's purchasing policy is summarized in sections 3.1-3.4 below.

### 3.1 Legal certainty in public procurement

All procurements at Luleå University of Technology must take into account the principles of non-discrimination, equal treatment, proportionality, openness (predictability and transparency) and mutual recognition.

### **3.2 Efficient public procurement**

The University and its representatives must act in a businesslike, objective and ethically correct manner in all purchasing and procurement situations to ensure that the University is perceived as a credible actor in the public and private markets.

### **3.3 Focus on good business and diversity of suppliers**

The University shall seek out and take advantage of competition in the market in order to do good business, and suppliers shall be given the opportunity to compete on equal terms in each procurement, as objectivity, impartiality and equal treatment shall characterise the University's activities.

### **3.4 Innovative, environmentally and socially sustainable society**

The University's purchasing activities shall be characterised by purchases that promote innovations and alternative solutions, are environmentally responsible and contribute to a socially sustainable society.