

Award to the Best Solution in Sustainable Public Procurement
Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP)

I. Description

The Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) along with the support of the Organization of American States (OAS), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and the Inter-American Development Bank, seek to contribute to the modernization of government Procurement by incentivizing the inclusion of environmental standards (as well as social and economic standards) in public procurement systems of the Americas. As a result, the INGP along with its supporting institutions will recognize a public agency from the OAS/INGP with the “Award to the Best Solution in Sustainable Public Procurement.”

II. Objectives

- To promote the adoption of sustainability standards in government procurement.
- To identify the best initiatives in sustainable public procurement (SPP) in order to share knowledge and serve as frame of reference to the region.
- To recognize and highlight the best national or local initiatives that incorporate sustainability criteria in public procurement policies.

III. General criteria

- National, federal, and local entities from [OAS member countries of the INGP/OAS](#) are eligible to participate
- Only implemented initiatives with a minimum of one year in place will be considered. Projected and planned solutions will not be considered.
- In order to clearly evaluate the solution’s impact, the entity must provide enough information and include any other aspects that are requested in the application form.
- Projects with partner agencies of the same country are welcomed. In such case, a leader must be designated responsible.

- Participation in the process implies the acceptance of the terms and conditions of the prize. Any aspect not before mentioned, is subject to the selection committee's interpretation.

IV. Application

- Submit a solution profile: institutions from INGP member countries who wish to participate must fill out an application form with information pertaining to the initiative. [Application Form](#)
- Once the submission period is complete, the profile must be approved by the Technical Secretariat of the Network and will be published on the INGP website.
- Each agency from an INGP member state can submit a maximum of two (2) solutions.
- **The submission period will be OPEN from September 9th to October 3rd, 2014 at 11PM E.S.T.**
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V. Eligibility Criteria

- Any solution implemented by a national or sub national agency from an INGP member country must be represented by the director of the agency or by a representative/delegation.

The selection committee will evaluate each application taking into consideration the following aspects:

- ✓ Sustainability: initiatives that incorporate economic and social criteria, as well as that have developed a clear environmental component.
- ✓ Social inclusion: initiatives that promote the adoption of environmental practices on behalf of small and medium local enterprises, as well as their entry into the SPP market.
- ✓ Impact: Demonstrate proof of the impact and progress in the models that motivated the reform of the system and impact within the local procurement markets.
- ✓ Scale: Demonstrate the reach of the initiative regarding how many procurement agencies or the percentage of the market that adopted the solution.
- ✓ Replicability: ability to be replicated in other countries.

The Selection Committee will be composed by a representative from each of the supporting institutions of the INGP (OAS, IDRC, and IDB) and an external expert with experience in the topic of SPP. The selection committee's decisions are final.

The Selection Committee will choose by consensus the winning initiatives. The decision will be based on the aforementioned criteria. An honorable mention can be exceptionally awarded, if it complies with the defined conditions. Nevertheless, the selection committee has the right not to select a winner if none of the applications comply with the defined criteria.

VI. Award and Award Ceremony

- **The winner will receive USD 10,000** that will be administered by the agency's representative, designated representative, or delegation. The award can be used to complete a course in SPP at

an academic institution, participate in a conference on SPP, or visit a country that has had an outstanding experience regarding the implementation of SPP. The OAS will be in responsible to execute the funds on such ends.

- Flight tickets and hotel will be paid to the winning institution in order to attend the INGP Annual Conference. The Award Ceremony will be carried out during the workshop on SPP within the framework of the Tenth Annual Conference of the INGP, in Asuncion, Paraguay on October 27, 2014.