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Request

1. What percentage of your current suppliers possess B Corp certification, ESGmark or a similar certification or award that recognises a commitment to ESG or sustainability-focused initiatives?

None

0-10%

11-20%

21-30%

31-40%

41-50%

51-60%

61-70%

71-80%

81-90

91-100%

2. Is B Corp certification (or similar) a requirement / consideration for suppliers as part of your current tender process?

Yes | No

3. Are you considering adding B Corp certification (or similar) as a requirement / consideration for suppliers as part of your tender process in the future?

4. If so, within what timeframe?

In the next month

In the next 3 months

In the next 6 months

In the next 12 months]

5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident would you feel about knowing how to prioritise B-Corp companies (or similar) in your tender process? (1 being extremely unconfident and 10 being very confident)

6. Do you feel you would benefit from guidance as to how to prioritise B-Corp companies (or similar) in your tender process?

No, we wouldn't benefit - if we require guidance, then we will seek it.

Yes, we would somewhat benefit.



Yes, we would significantly benefit.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

By suppliers, we're referring to a 'council supplier' - any company or individual that provides goods, services, or works to a local government council.

There may be certain suppliers who have been recognised for their commitment to environmental, social and governance (ESG) by:

- achieving B-Corp accreditation (a comprehensive and rigorous process, requiring them to meet high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability)
- gaining a ESGmark (awarded to organisations, irrespective of size, which prove they are committed to making a positive difference to the environment, their clients, employees, and communities)
- receiving another type of sustainable/environment certification or award The FOI request refers to how councils choose who they tender work to/choose as their suppliers and whether having a B-Corp certification, ESGmark or a similar certification plays a part in that decision making processes. For example, are those organisations prioritised in the tender process.

Response

Q1: This information is not held by the Council for the purposes of FOI but please see response to Q2 for further context.

Q2: Yes. A contract which is tendered based on most advantageous tender, a minimum of 10% to environmental and or social matters will be included in the evaluation criteria.

Q3: Yes. As per the response to Q2, if tenders are to be evaluated based on most advantageous tender, environmental and or social matters are a consideration. The information requested to demonstrate this is tailored to each opportunity to ensure its relevant and proportionate to the contract requirements and it is not a barrier to SME's.

Q4: Please see response to Q3, we have no fixed timeframe as we do not adopt a blanket approach when conducting procurement activities.

Q5: The inclusion of a suitable accreditation or equivalent in a tender evaluation criteria are usually scored on a pass/ fail basis, and we are confident using this scoring mechanism.

Q6: No, we would not benefit at the current time.

