

The result of questionnaire concerning Green Purchasing in local government.

The Ministry of the Environment conducted a survey of local government in all parts of country about Green Purchasing (purchasing items on priority that are low environmental load) with some problems and the tackling situation for basic data from November to December, 2008. And there is the result on our website.

As this result, although Green Purchasing for whole agencies is becoming widespread in whole local government, its progress is delayed in towns and village, so that further promotion plans are needed for works of small autonomy.

1. Purpose of survey

Green Purchasing that purchased items that have low environmental load with precedence is progressing in dissemination in large-scale local governments in prefectures and ordinance cities, according to enforcement of "Law Concerning the Promotion of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other entities"(Law on Promoting Green Purchasing).

Local governments are large consumers in the area and are requested to further widespread Green Purchasing in the future. In this survey, the status of the implementation of Green purchasing in local governments was investigated and aims to become basic data in case of future promotion measures consideration of Green Purchasing.

2. Investigation of survey

- (1) Targets : Local governments 1,852 in all parts of country (as of November 20, 2008)
(47 prefectures, 17 ordinance-designated cities, 789 cities, 999 towns, villages)
Environment Department, Bureau or Procurement Department, Bureau
- (2) Date : November ~ December ,2008
- (3) Method : Posting to each local government and Collection by mailing
(including partly E-mail and Fax)

3. Result of survey

(1) Status of Response

	Posting Number	Collection Number	Collection Rate
Prefectures, Ordinance-Designated Cities	64	64	100.0
Cities	789	596	75.5
Towns, Villages	999	619	62.0
Total	1,852	1,279	69.1

(2) Mainly Response

- Response that "Over half of workers understand the value of Green Purchasing" is occupied 48.9% (2.4 points decrease compared with the previous year). It was less than the last year's survey. Especially, Green Purchasing is becoming permeated into individual worker in prefectures and ordinance-designated cities however, it is difficult to permeate enough into workers into towns and villages.
- Local governments that have already established Procurement Policy are occupied 33.7% and it was increased 4.6 points more than last year. However, all prefectures and ordinance-designated cities have already established it, 24.7% of cities and 50.6% of towns and villages still have no plan to establish it.
- There are 460 local governments (36.0%) which have "No Plan" to establish Procurement Policy. The reasons are lack of knowledge and financial difficulty.
- Regarding the price of Copy Paper, 34.1%(6.4 points increase compared with the previous year) of local governments answered "rather high or high", and it was remarkable changing.
- In order to promote coordinated purchasing in each organization, educational activities for workers are needed through seminars, consideration of life cycle cost and awareness-building of Green Purchasing.

4. Summary of the result

Please refer to an attached sheet.

5. Home Page Address

The result of the survey concerning Green Purchasing is reported on website of The Ministry of the Environment.

<http://www.env.go.jp/policy/hozen/green/g-law/shiryu.html>