



Best Practice City of Nantes Tender for articles in Fair Trade Cotton

Institution	Ville de Nantes
Scope of tender	Local and regional level
Tendering model used	Technical Specification and performance (execution) clause in “Cahier des Charges” as well as awarding criteria
Contract period	1 year renewable 3 times
Value of tender (EUR)	Between 6 000 and 30 000€/year (For lot N°1, that is to say for Fair Trade Products)
Products	Textile
Subject-matter	<p>“Acquisition de vêtements, chaussures et accessoires de sport”</p> <p>The Fair Trade products (articles in Fair Trade Cotton) are only purchased in the Lot n°1.</p>
Technical Specifications	<p>The T-shirts, polo shirt and tank top provided must be at least 100% Fair Trade, labelled or certified if possible.</p> <p>This minimum exigency is about raw material, which means that the culture and gathering of the cotton must respect the Fair Trade Standards.</p> <p>The Standards are defined as followed (see also the “guide de l’achat public” of the Plate-forme Française du Commerce Equitable (PFCE) www.commerceequitable.org – www.arf.asso.fr)</p> <p>Fair Trade contributes to sustainable development offering better commercial conditions in the North-South trade relations, securing the producers’ rights. Fair Trade has the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to give a fair remuneration to the small producers for them to be able to satisfy their elementary needs : health, education, housing, social protection - to guaranty the respect of fundamental rights (refusal of children’s exploitation, of slavery ...) - to establish a long term relation between the economic partners involved



Verification

The provider will describe precisely how his products respect Fair Trade rules and will indicate the certification or control modalities. Tenderers will have to provide a detailed documentation defining the followed objectives, the way of control and any other element related to the local economic development realized through the purchasing (premium for development ...).

The City of Nantes reserve the right to refuse the qualification of “Fair” if the rules are too far from the standards defined by the organisations of certification for the equivalence to be demonstrated.

The certificates, labels or equivalent should be provided at least once a year or for every order in case of change of supply chain.

Award/evaluation criteria

Sustainable development: weighting factor 16, in which Fair Trade manufacture counts for 4.

The mark 5 is attributed to tenderers offering products produced respecting Fair Trade during the whole process of production. The mark 3 is attributed to tenderers offering products produced respecting Fair Trade during part of the process of production. The mark 0 is attributed to not respecting Fair Trade in the process of Production.