

## Green to be Lean: Sustainable Solutions for the New Economy – June 2010

0920	Chair's Opening Address Global Warming, CO2 and the Contribution of Procurement: Is it Hype or Reality?	Colin Cram
0935	Keynote Address Sustainable Solutions in Central Government	Fiona Ross, Office of Government Commerce
1000	Living in a Fool's Paradise: Public Sector Procurement in an Unstable World	Dr Rachel Mason- Jones
1020	Main Sponsor	
1035	Q and A	
1050	Master class Session 1	
1135	Coffee in the Networking Surgery	
1215	Master class Session 2	
1300	Lunch	
1400	Master class Session 3	
1445	Chair's Afternoon Address	Colin Cram
1455	Eliminate Inefficiency, Cut Costs, Save the Planet!	Julian Feasby, Environment Agency
1515	A Capital Way to Sustainability and Savings: The Development and Implementation of a Sustainable Procurement Strategy for London	Ken Cole
1535	'Green' to be Lean	Elaine Preston, Interserve
1555	Yes We Can!	Shaun McCarthy
1615	Q and A	
1630	Chair's Closing Remarks	Colin Cram
1635	Conference Close	

Drastic measures are required to reduce the public sector spending deficit. Demands on the public sector can be difficult to reconcile. It is required to make huge savings, whilst delivering government policies on sustainability. It is increasingly dependent on long supply chains, some of which originate in unstable parts of the world. This conference explores the link between Lean and Green, Savings and Sustainability, Savings and Security of public services. This is a 'must' event for those charged with delivering a leaner, greener public sector and more robust public services.

### **New section**

Public Sector Procurement expenditure is £225bn a year. This is equivalent to over 0.5% of global GDP. It represents nearly 20% of UK GDP. It represents one third of

public expenditure. The average man, woman and child will invest over £250,000 throughout their lifetime in public sector procurement. It is therefore key to delivering public services and government policies on efficiency, sustainability and innovation. It is key to maintaining UK employment. It is key to helping bring public sector spending back into balance and to economic recovery. Private sector companies increasingly hold confidential data on private citizens. Global supply chains mean that the UK and UK public services are increasingly vulnerable from political instability in other parts of the world. It needs to be able to manage these apparently conflicting demands in a balanced way.

There is plenty of evidence to suggest that those organisations most capable of delivering high quality value for money in procurement are those that are most capable of handling apparent conflicts between objectives. Sustainable procurement does not have to be achieved at a high price. Reducing dependence on commodities and shortening supply chains can save cash, save carbon, reduce dependence on unreliable sources and increase the security of public services. 'Lean' and 'Green' are compatible.

This conference explores ways of achieving this with some practical examples from both public and private sectors of how to develop and deliver suitable strategies.