
UK Public Procurement Note

PPN06/21

On 5th June 2021, the UK government issued the Procurement Policy Note (PPN) 06/21 to encourage suppliers to contribute towards achieving the UK's Net Zero 2050 target when bidding for major government contracts.

What is PPN06/21?

PPN06/21 is a procurement policy note detailing how government departments should acknowledge suppliers' Net Zero Carbon Reduction Plans (CRPs) in the procurement of large government contracts.



Applies to Government contracts \geq £5m p/a.



Requires a supplier's CRP showing how it will meet Net Zero by 2050.



Mandatory for suppliers of all sizes since September 2021.



What is a CRP?

To comply with PPN06/21, a supplier must provide a CRP which details how the organisation will meet Net Zero by 2050. This must include the supplier's:



Baseline emissions to enable measurement of carbon reduction methods.



Current Scope 1 and 2 emissions, as well as a subset of Scope 3 emissions (at least five).



Emission reduction targets, current measures in place & progress to date.

Other Key Requirements of a CRP:

- **Must be approved by the organisation's senior leadership within the 12 months prior to the commencement of the procurement.**
- **Must be published on the company website and updated at least annually.**
- **Must clearly highlight the organisation's commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2050.**

Desired Outcomes of PPN06/21:

- **Drive behavioural change for buyers and suppliers.**
- **Encourage meaningful carbon reduction strategies across a range of suppliers in a variety of industries.**
- **Help the UK meet its 2050 Net Zero target.**

PPN06/21 Compliance Steps:

1. Measure:

- **Calculate your baseline emissions (Scope 1, 2 & 3).**
- **Scope 3 categories that need to be included are upstream transportation and distribution, waste generated, business travel, employee commuting and downstream transportation and distribution.**

2. Reduce:

- **Set a 2050 Net Zero target which outlines your annual progress to be made each year to achieve the target.**

3. Report:

- **Detail your past, current or future carbon reduction measures, and outline how these measures achieve carbon reductions against the baseline year.**