



Sustainable Procurement

Reducing Single Use Plastics & Future Procurement Strategies

Purchasing Division

July 7, 2021

Strategic Alignment

2019 Strategic Plan



County's Mission: Deliver exceptional, financially and environmentally responsive / responsible services that promote a safe, affordable, healthy, and resilient community

Strategic Initiatives	
X	Regional Leadership
X	Fiscal Responsibility
X	Exceptional Service and Operational Excellence
Strategic Goals	
	Public Safety and Integrated, Data-Driven Justice System
	Enhance Economic Opportunities
	Improve Infrastructure
X	Promote a Sustainable Environment
	Build Healthy, Inclusive, and Resilient Communities

Strategic Themes	
	Inter-Organizational Cooperation
	Quality of Life
	Economic Development
	Infrastructure
X	Environmental Sustainability
	Non-Environmental Sustainability
	Lake County Branding
	Mental Health
	Grants and Specialty Funding
	Diversity and Inclusion

Lake County Café Contract

- Lake County issued an RFP for Inmate Food and County Café on July 27, 2018.
- Only one proposal was submitted that met the full scope of work.
- Awarded by the County Board on January 15, 2019.
- Requested potential vendors provide sustainable options for single use items.

Q. Lake County is committed to green and sustainable practices and good environmental stewardship. If disposable utensils, plates, cups, or other paper supplies are used they should be compostable, biodegradable, and/or able to be recycled. Any additional costs and/or savings should be identified in the proposer's response.

Aramark has read, agreed, and will comply.

Reducing Single Use Plastics in Café

- Owner directed change that is estimated at \$250 per week.

Item	Traditional	Eco-Friendly	Note
Straw	\$0.02	\$0.07	Product made from hay and is natural wheat biodegradable.
9x9 Food Container	\$0.09	\$0.29	Molded food container made from renewable bagasse (sugarcane)
Wooden Cutlery	\$0.03	Price Varies	Price anywhere from \$0.09 to \$0.15.
Pre-wrapped utensils	\$0.11	\$0.64	Napkin, fork, knife, spoon – made from modified corn-based material.
12-oz paper cup	\$0.10	\$0.24	Made from modified corn-based material.

Sustainability Statement



- In 2013, a Sustainability Statement was incorporated into RFPs
- The focus was on the vendor's sustainability
- Revising to focus on the procurement's sustainability

Revised Sustainability Statement



- **RFP – Vendors will submit:**
 - **Their sustainability policy**
 - **A narrative with specific criteria**
 - **Sustainable approach options with initial cost variances and life cycle costs**
 - **Responses may be scoring criteria for certain projects**
- **Bids – work with department for sustainable product specifications**

SWALCO Partnership



Community Connections through SWALCO

- **RRS (Resource Recycling Systems)**
- **Circular Great Lakes**
- **Local organizations with programs reducing single use plastics**
 - **AbbVie**
 - **CLC**



Feedback