

Capital and Manufacturing Services and MRO



What do we procure?

International Paper has a team dedicated to managing the sourcing of large capital equipment we operate to make paper, pulp, and power. Another sourcing group, maintenance, repair and operations (MRO), buys hundreds of products supporting the daily operation and maintenance of our facilities. MRO purchases include paper machine clothing, power transmission components, lubricants, pumps and control valves. We hire contractors to install equipment and perform maintenance services across our facilities. We use centralized processes for procurement in these areas.

Why work with us?

Because of the wide variety and large number of parts and equipment we buy, it is our preference to establish long-term relationships with suppliers that can deliver the broad array of products our operations require. The nature of this segment requires true partnership so International Paper is always looking for high performing suppliers who can meet our exacting specifications.

Sustainability in action

Each part of our manufacturing process contributes to our business and sustainability goals. We work closely with suppliers to ensure the machines, components and service we source are aligned with our vision for a sustainable future. We are constantly innovating to improve manufacturing efficiencies. The safety of everyone on our sites, including suppliers and contractors, remains a top priority. We value suppliers who share a dedication to a safe and forward-thinking approach.

Q: *What is your policy on water use and conservation?*

A: Water is essential to International Paper's manufacturing facilities around the world, but we recognize its value goes far beyond its use in papermaking. Reducing our water footprint, especially in strategic watershed areas, is critical for our business and our sustainability agenda. We have set goals to map our water use, evaluate opportunities to align our water use with local supplies and further improve the quality of the water we return to the environment.

Best Practice

Since 2012 we worked with suppliers to rethink the PET and polypropylene used for strapping boxes. For example, a small reduction in strapping width from 7/16" to 3/8" made a large impact in reducing material use, while maintaining performance standards such as break strength. This innovation also allowed for more strapping per coil, improving efficiency. The results are not only cost savings, but an improved environmental footprint for both International Paper and our MRO suppliers.