



HSEQ® assessment

Working conditions at industrial sites and facilities need to be safe. In most cases, there are plenty of contractors working together with the permanent staff. Large Buyers want to ensure that the entire their value chain ensures Occupational Health (H) adheres to common Safety (S) requirements, commits to Environmental (E) aspects and maintains required Quality (Q) of workmanship. This is why Buyers pre-assess their partners in HSEQ issues.

The HSEQ® assessment is an effective method for rating suppliers' capabilities. The Criteria have been set and agreed by a **Cluster of Large Industrial Buyers**: ABB, Alva group (former Jyväskylä Energy), Andritz, Gasgrid Finland, HELEN (Helsinki Energy), Metsä Group, MM Kotka Mills Board, Nokian Tyres, Oulu Energy, Outokumpu, Pohjolan Voima, Quant, SSAB, Stora Enso, Tornator, Turku Energy, UPM-Kymmene and Walki.

A report will be written of the HSEQ® assessment. It describes the strengths as well as opportunities for improvement for each of the assessed points. The maturity of the supplier is rated with points that allow suppliers to be compared with other companies. Cluster members have access to the database, but the public can see the resulting points without company names in www.hseq.fi.

Suppliers benefit from HSEQ assessment in many ways: A professional and authorized auditor reviews suppliers' competences and performance against customers' expectations. This motivates customer focused improvement. Opportunities for improvements will be observed thus recommendations will be given and followed up. The HSEQ concept calls for fulfilment of legal obligations, sets customers expectations to right perspective and gives practical content to requirements.

Buyers use the independent and comparable results to choose their contractors, verify suppliers capabilities and mitigate risks as applicable. This applies not only to those that work on site for longer periods, but also to those that supply materials, process equipment, tools, and maintenance to the site.

Many large multi-national corporations are expected to join the cluster in the future. Kiwa is chairing the cluster while University of Oulu and Pohto act as R&D parties for the concept.

Benefits

- Measures the maturity levels of occupational **H**ealth, **S**afety, **E**nvironment and **Q**uality in a consistent and objective way
- Quality report works as a reference
- Improves supplier's chances to get contracts with large buyers
- Helps develop operations effectively and in a customer-oriented way.

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