



AMCA POLICIES

PRE-PURCHASER OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

AMCA members are committed to providing a comprehensive and high quality service to all clients. This is best achieved when our members take responsibility for all aspects of the project including the purchase and supply of all the equipment that is needed.

AMCA members bring a very high level of technical expertise to all projects they undertake. AMCA notes the option of pre-purchasing of air conditioning and mechanical services equipment by owners or project managers may be seen as a means of saving money. However these prospective up front savings gained from pre-purchase are usually lost through the course of the project.

Experience tells us that where a policy of pre-purchase of equipment has occurred, overall cost overruns have been experienced. These cost overruns on the project can occur due to time delays through scheduling, design specification errors, risk management issues and job responsibilities surrounding the pre-purchase.

STRATEGIES

Air conditioning and mechanical services contractors should provide the full range of construction services.

Where the air conditioning and mechanical service contractor does provide the full range of services:

- Equipment will be delivered to site on time and ready for installation in accordance with the construction schedule.
Damage to equipment will be minimized as too will delays in the schedule.
- Manufacturers will provide the equipment to regular customer in accordance with the specification, with the priorities in scheduling, assembly, transport and functionality. Priorities of this nature are not always afforded the first time / irregular purchaser.
- Equipment is provided to specification, assembled or sub-assembled as required and ready for installation. All ancillary equipment like motor mounts, isolation units etc in a condition ready for site construction needs.
- The bidding process for any tenders relating to equipment tendering is properly and ethically managed, assessed and delivered to site or store.
- Insurance risks to plant and equipment during the delivery, storage and on-site is managed to maximise cover and minimise risk to the building owner.
- Equipment will be supplied in sequence and on time with the on-site air conditioning and mechanical service installation requirements.
- The management of all equipment warranty during and after installation is managed by the contractor.

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