

A Cost Effective Environmental Management System for the SME

Are your customers demanding you implement an Environmental Management System?

Are your insurers increasing your premiums?

Do you know what legislation applies to your business?

Does your business generate too much waste?

Are you paying too much for waste removal?

Do you know the risks to your business?

Is your business an Environment risk?

Though the tendency is to think that a smaller company will have smaller environmental impacts, sadly this is not the case. It is estimated that SME's generate about 60% of the commercial waste and as much as 80% of the pollution incidents in England and Wales!

The British Standards Institute has introduced a new standard to help small to medium enterprises (SME's) work towards achieving a formal environmental management system. The standard, **BS8555:2003**, sets out a six phase implementation program, progress can be acknowledged against the standard at any of the six phases, allowing SME's greater control and freedom over the project plan. Although aimed at SME's, the guidance can be used by any organisation, regardless of size, the nature of their business undertaken or their location.

A phased approach

Attaining **BS 8555:2003** is broken into six phases. Each phase is broken into several stages, to help you move towards the phase audit. Every stage is broken into the key criteria of why, when, who, how, suggested inputs, typical outputs and the achievement criteria. The benefits of adopting a phased approach to implementing a formal EMS are:

- Demonstrating to interested third parties, such as customers or insurers, that you are making progress towards environmental management.
- You can identify where the greatest benefits for your investment of time and resources will be gained.

Costs

The cost of implementing this system will depend which phase your organisation wishes to progress to, the cost to improve your organisation's performance to an appropriate level, and whether you want external verification.

Benefits to your business will be

- An assurance for your customers that you are committed to improving your environmental performance.
- Improved ability to compete for work where environmental issues are related to the nature of the contract.
- Recognition of your efforts, even if a certified EMS is not achieved.
- A phased approach which can be made relevant to the resources and time you are able to commit.
- Improved risk management.
- Satisfaction for your staff and customers that you are managing your environmental impacts.

Contact RPW Systems to discuss how BS 8555 can benefit your business.

Company Profile

RPW Systems help people improve their business performance through the implementation of management standards and process improvement.

RPW Systems have over a decade of experience working with both large and small companies across Europe with staff trained by BSI or Lloyds.

We are based in the East Midlands and primarily work with SME's to provide robust solutions that are both business driven and cost effective.

Client Support

As a client of ours you will receive dedicated support to ensure you get the most from your management system.

We pride ourselves on providing a common sense approach that adds value to your business.

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