Factors Affecting The Implementation of Green Procurement: Empirical Evidence from Indonesian Educational Institution

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Abstract. This paper reported the factors affecting the adoption of green procurement in Indonesian educational institutions. A quantitative method is used to understand the effects between variables on green procurement implementation. Data from respondents working on the procurement divisions from higher degree institutions in the province of East Java, Indonesia, are collected in this study. The results indicated no significant effects on middle management staff, awareness, and corporate responsibility on the implementation of green procurement in educational institutions. At the same time, there is a significant impact of green supply approaches such as ISO certification and eco-design product strategy on adopting green procurement.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Over the past period, procurement activities’ role has developed towards a more strategic approach because of increasing demand to concentrate on main processes while subcontracting most non-key ones (Giunipero and Pearcy, 2000, Lawson et al., 2009). This approach has caused a paradigm shift of a significant part of the production activities beyond firms’ borders. That procurement function contributes to a growing effect on the natural environment (Zsidisin and Siferd, 2001). Green procurement originates from the notion of preventing pollution-related principles and activities. Green products or services use fewer resources, and that they are developed to serve a lengthy duration to lessen their effect on the environment from life a cycle to disposal (Min and Galle, 1997).

According to Min & Galle (1997), green procurement is defined as the buying of eco-friendly goods and services as well as selecting contractors and establishing environmental prerequisites in a contract. Zsidsin & Siferd (2001) provided a comprehensive definition of green procurement as “Environmental purchasing for an individual firm is the set of purchasing policies held, actions taken, and relationships formed in response to concerns associated with the natural environment. These concerns are related to the acquisition of raw materials, including supplier selection, evaluation, and development; suppliers’ operations; inbound distribution; packaging; recycling; reuse; resource reduction; and final disposal of the firm’s products. Green purchase compares price, technology, quality, and the environmental effect of the goods, services, or contract. Green procurement rules can be applied to every company regardless of sizes, such as small, medium, and large companies. Its activities can be as easy as purchasing renewable energy or recycled office papers or exclusively concerned with establishing environmental regulations for suppliers and contractors. Therefore, green goods and services contain common effects on people’s health and might have increased safety standards. Whereas some “green” products or services may have a massive upfront cost, yet they save revenue over the life of the goods or services (Min and Galle, 1997).
Meanwhile, green procurement is significant because top international organizations such as the United Nations (UN), African Development Bank (AfDB), and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) have incorporated issues of the environment into their procurement guidelines. Green procurement programs can minimize costs, waste, increase resource efficiency, impact manufacturing business, prices, available services, and company’s attitude. It also enables countries to meet multilateral agreements like the Kyoto Protocol and Rotterdam Convention (NyachombaMachira and Juma, 2016). Stock (1992) confirmed that green procurement could improve an organization’s financial position through waste reduction and liability expenses, preserving resources, and improving the overall public image of a company. Zhu and Sarkis (2004) posited that suppliers’ pressure significantly influences implementing the green supply chain through research. In effect, close collaboration between suppliers and buyers can promote the effective implementation of green procurement activities. In procurement activities, suppliers must consider the critical disposition of materials and components brought into the company. That heads of procurement should search for upstream partners of the supply network to minimize waste and offer environmentally friendly goods. For instance, suppliers such as transport services and goods suppliers can positively impact the company’s green procurement activities and drive green supply network management (Walker and Devine-Wright, 2008).

Thus, organizations are gradually managing their suppliers’ eco-friendly performance to ensure that they supply goods and equipment that are eco-friendly and are manufactured using green activities (Dubey et al., 2013). Min & Galle (1997) investigated a study on “green purchasing” to determine significant factors affecting suppliers’ business selection and the main obstacles to green procurement ideas. They discovered that the extremely rated barriers to effective green procurement implementation were cost and revenue. In another study, Hsu and Hu (2008) used the fuzzy analytic hierarchy process method to prioritize the relative importance of dimensions. Their result discovered that supplier management performance is vital in implementing green procurement management. This implies that calling for suppliers to abide by specific environmental standards may encourage them to innovate and, within that process, also improve their products’ quality, features and reduce costs (Chiou et al., 2011).

However, several studies on green procurement, such as Yen & Yen (2012); Min & Galle (1997); Bjorklund (2011), focused their researches on manufacturing and found different results. But there is no study on the analysis of factors of green procurement implementation in an educational institution. Therefore, this paper seeks to contribute to the existing literature and fill the knowledge gap on green procurement implementation elements in educational institutions. This study will consider four key factors: top management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and approach to green suppliers in implementing green procurement in educational institutions. The rationale is to examine how these factors can lead to a successful implementation of green procurement in Indonesian educational institutions. Following this introduction, section two of this paper will review significant literatures on green procurement. This literature review helps to develop one hypothesis and a theoretical framework. Section three describes the research method, and section four describes data analysis and the results from testing the hypotheses. Finally, section five concludes the paper and makes a recommendation for future research.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW ON GREEN PROCUREMENT

Wallace & Omachar (2016) conducted a study on the effects of green procurement practices on operational efficiency at an airways organization. Using descriptive research, the results of their findings indicated that an organization procures environmentally compatible products that are sourced from credible suppliers that provide quality goods of green manufacturing enhanced
environmental consciousness through reuse, recycle and refurbish. The result also established a strong relationship between suppliers and the company. This is because both parties' production efficiency engages the green procurement practices to offer their customer's environmentally friendly goods by green packaging practices, waste prevention, and energy savings on low energy-consuming goods. In another study, Nadeem et al. (2017) examined driving indicators for implementing sustainable procurement behavior and practices in the Pakistan public procurement department. Employing a descriptive research design revealed that awareness and organizational commitment to change and approach to green supplier and products were positively related to sustainable public procurement implementation.

Moreover, Khidir et al. (2010) investigated a study on the examination of four drivers, such as regulation, customer pressures, social responsibility, and expected business benefits for green purchasing adoption among environmental management system (EMS) 14001 certified companies in the Malaysian manufacturing sector. Using a mail survey technique, the result of their findings asserted that green procurement is explicitly affected by drivers such as regulation, customer pressures, expected business benefits, and firm ownership. The result further states that, though the Malaysian firms show a high social responsibility level, it does not constitute a genuine driver for these firms to adopt green procurement. In a similar study, Nderitu & Ngugi (2014) researched the effect of green procurement practices on organization performance in the manufacturing industry, citing the case of East African Breweries Limited. Adopting descriptive, inferential statistics, the results discovered that the manufacturing industry’s performance contributes to more than one factor and that green procurement attributes contribute to performance. Also, the staff members' competence in green procurement concepts was an essential contributor to the effects of green procurement attributes to organization performance. Furthermore, East African Breweries Limited had already established an information communication infrastructure system that allows suppliers to participate, which increased their contribution to 29% of organizational performance.

Yang & Zhang (2012), in a survey of 144 Chinese companies, researched factors of green purchasing practices of Chinese using factor analysis, SPSS software, and regression analysis. The results revealed that leaders’ support would boost green purchasing practices, and environmental management costs will hinder Chinese enterprises’ green purchasing practices.

**Top Management Support**

Top management participation in green procurement means an increased motivation on collaboration as an essential requirement for supply network coordination. They must recognize the essence of collaboration (Ireland & Bruce, 2000) and approve supply chain management principles by providing the needed resources (Marien, 2000); and be actively involved in the collaboration. Stuart (1993) states that supplier partnership development relies on top management support. Increase the level of support in knowing key supplier activities and materials can be useful in influencing suppliers’ activities (Walton et al., 1998). External collaboration can be achievable through competent leadership (Andraski, 1998). Thus, top management support is a significant driver that is very powerful and very positive for the implementation of green procurement practices (Sandberg, 2007).

**Awareness**

A critical factor that can drive efficient implementation of green procurement practices is awareness and acquaintance with guidelines, policies, and laws linked to green purchasing sustainability (Nadeem et al., 2017). According to Sun et al. (2012), green procurement awareness may influence its implementation in a sustainable way for both companies and states. Environmental awareness has often been a key factor of green sustainable performance, which has the potency to better implement green procurement (Zuo & Zhao, 2014). Accordingly, availability and awareness of green procurement...
guidelines and documents are a pathway towards improving and applying sustainable measures (Testa et al., 2016).

Procurement officers of companies are expected to abreast themselves with the laws, guidelines, and policies connected to contracting and tendering for sustainable procurement (Lin et al., 2015). They must also follow governmental regulations to enhance sustainability needed by governance authorities (Amann et al., 2014). However, the violation of procurement laws can lead to heavy fines imposed by government stakeholders. In effect, to increase compliance with sustainability, procurement officers’ awareness training may serve as a vital influence on sustainable green procurement implementation (Geldermann et al., 2007). Thus, awareness of green procurement practices can transform procurement officers’ mindset, which can impact the speed of sustainable implementation behavior (Tsipouri, 2015), specifically in educational institutions.

**Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**

Today, corporate social responsibility (CSR) has not only become a popular research discipline, but it is now evident in many companies’ corporate mission and value statements (Cruz, 2013). Regardless of its long-time presence, CSR application as a sustainability approach in supply chain management has only been visible in the last five years. In effect, there has been persistent pressure on companies from stakeholders, consumers government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and local communities to implement CSR across their supply chain (Giliberti et al., 2008).

CSR involves a variety of things such as ethics, environment, sustainability, equality, and fairness. It is something that, in recent years, has come to the forefront of public awareness and has become a must-have or hygiene factor for most, if not all, organizations. In another context, the Commission of the European Communities (2001) states that CSR is “the voluntary integration, by organizations, of social and environmental concerns in their commercial operations and their relationships with interested parties.” Companies very well understand that their procurement and supply chain activities profoundly affect their reputation and long-time success. Conversely, they are often held responsible for promoting and protecting the environment, health, and safety rules of employees who manufacture their goods despite whether they are direct workers or work for their suppliers (Cruz & Wakolbinger, 2008). CSR has received more comprehensive research coverage in the recent past; for instance, Carroll (1991) stated that CSR includes economic, legal, ethical, and humanitarian expectation tied to companies by the society at a certain point in time. Therefore, organizations are obliged to improve their environmental performance to respond to the community’s requirements.

**Approach to Green Suppliers**

To effectively adopt green procurement, access to green goods and services is a significant component in the implementation process (Nadeem et al., 2017). Certification obligations like ISO 9000 and ISO 14001 drive businesses to adopt sustainability measures to manufacture sustainable goods and services (Zhu et al., 2012, Zhu et al., 2013). This standardized environmental management systems (ISO 14001) certification contains regulations on product life cycle assessments, environmental labeling of products, carbon disclosure projects, and sustainability reporting schemes (Srivastava, 2007, Büyüközkan and Çifçi, 2011).
In a survey study conducted by Zhu, Geng & Sarkis (2013) on 193 Chinese government officials, their result findings revealed that regulations and incentives motivate the implementation of sustainable green procurement practices. Manufacturing firms are required to implement sustainable environmental practices in response to environmental policies set by regulatory organizations such as states or international institutions (Scott, 2008). Such rules and regulations about environmental sustainability can force companies to ensure required transformations into their production structure and activities by offering green products and services (Powell and DiMaggio, 2012). Besides, suppliers' awareness about the laws and guidelines of contracting and tendering of sustainable products also plays an essential part in implementing sustainable procurement because eco-friendly companies will encourage their suppliers to have environmental certifications (Nadeem et al., 2017). According to Vermeir & Verbeke (2004), purchasers may sometimes be willing to procure sustainable products, but due to the inadequate accessibility of green products, they cannot translate into buying behavior. Nadeem et al. (2017) argued that to inspire suppliers for green products, and regulatory organizations can offer an inducement to suppliers and producers who follow standard guidelines like tax exemptions, follow standard guidelines like tax exemptions, import duties exemptions, discount in sales tax, and investment tax allowances to boost sustainability.

Based on the above discussions on top management support, awareness, CSR, and approach to green suppliers, the researchers hypothesized that:

H1: top management support affects significantly green procurement implementation on the educational institution

H2: awareness affects significantly green procurement implementation on the educational institution

H3: CSR affects significantly green procurement implementation on the educational institution

H4: Green suppliers significantly affect green procurement implementation in the educational institution.

III. RESEARCH METHOD

This green procurement implementation study's research objects are the universities located in Malang, East Java Province, Indonesia, with more than 100 employees. The top and middle management in the University are selected for this study. This study's population is 108 staff comprised of top and middle management employees working in the higher degree educational institutions. A sample of 60 respondents was targeted for this study from both staff and middle management levels.

A quantitative approach is used in this study with instruments of statistics package for social sciences (SPSS 20) and using Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA) to examine whether the factors derived from the EFA fitted the drivers as analyzing theoretically in the literature on the analysis of factors that influence green procurement implementation in educational institutions. The quantitative approach involves generating numerical form data, which can be
subjected to rigorous quantitative analysis accurately and rigidly (Kothari, 2004). There are four green procurement implementation factors, such as top management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers. The use of self-administered questionnaires collects data from the target respondents. In this study, ten questions about green procurement implementation questioned to the respondents, and scale items will be measured on a 5-point Likert scale, where one denotes Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Less Agree, 4 Agree, and 5 Strongly Agree. Questions in this term are focused on the factors of green procurement implementation. These questions involve top management, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers in implementing green procurement. One hypothesis was developed based on the research model plan framework.

**Theoretical framework**

The research investigates the analysis of four identified factors of green procurement (Top management support, Awareness, CSR, and Approach to green suppliers'). The definitions of variables and framework of the study are shown in Table 1 and Figure 1.

**IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

**Quantitative Data Analysis: Descriptive Statistics**

The 60 respondents who were selected in this study are working in the educational institutions in Indonesia. Most respondents are working at higher degree university with the middle management of positions such as the head of school, head of a department, superintendent, and staff supervisor. The mean values for each dimension of the variables ranged from 3.50 to 4.06 on the Likert scale of 1 to 5. In general, these results indicate that the questions in the questionnaires related to the factors of the adoption of green procurement in their institution have been responded to positively. The first dimension of middle management support gets an average score of 3.63, which proves that most staff working in the educational institution agree that middle management’s support is critical for

| Table 1. Variable operating definitions |
|----------------------------------------|
| **Variables**                          | **Indicators** |
| Top management support:                | - Resource/support: tools that aid green procurement implementation |
| These denote the degree to which senior management understands green procurement’s critical role and is personally involved in its activities. | - Staff training: given skills on green procurement implementation and sustainability |
| Awareness: the knowledge that something exists or understanding a situation or subject is now based on information or experience. In brief, it is the state of being conscious of something. | - Familiarization of green procurement policies: an acquaintance of green procurement processes |
| CSR: involves a variety of things such as ethics, environment, sustainability, equality, and fairness (Fairtrade, 2009). | - Knowledge of regulation: understanding the laws governing procurement activities either from government stakeholders or purchasing organization |
| Approach to green suppliers: this involves suppliers’ integration of green strategy in their supply chain activities. | - Ethics: moral conduct or behavior acceptable to society |
| - Health and safety: denote the wellbeing of either an organization’s employees or the people of a community in which an organization operates. | - Environmental sustainability: |
| - Environmental sustainability: | - Certification (ISO 9000 & ISO 14000, EMS): accreditation of companies with environmental management systems (EMS) certificate |
| - Eco-design: Design of products for reduced consumption of material/energy, design of products for reuse, recycle, recovery of material, design of products to avoid or minimize the use of hazardous materials |
green procurement adoption in their workplace. The support should be regular staff training and facility (resources) related to green procurement activities. Furthermore, the dimension of awareness in implementing green procurement, the average value obtained by this dimension of 3.84 indicates that the staff believes that they should be familiar with the knowledge and current green procurement regulation.

The dimension of corporate social responsibility (CSR), which has an average value of 3.97, shows that the CSR dimensions are perceived in a positive mind by respondents that impact the implementation of green procurement. Moreover, the variable of the approach used as a standard when applying green procurement such as ISO certification and eco-design has the highest mean value than the other variables (4.03), which justifies that most staff understand that those dimensions would impact significantly on the application.

**Evaluation of Measurement Model**

This research model consists of four latent variables, namely green procurement implementation, middle management support, awareness corporate, social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers’. Evaluation of the measurement model is a step to test the validity

| Table 2. Statistics descriptive |
|-------------------------------|
| Variable                     | Dimension                          | N   | Mean value | Mean | St. Dev | Min | Max |
| Green procurement implementation | Green procurement implementation  | 60  | 3.91       | 0.94 | 2       | 5   |
| Middle management support    | Resources/support                  | 60  | 3.76       | 3.63 | 0.99    | 1   | 5   |
| Awareness                    | Familiarization with green procurement policies | 60  | 3.70       | 3.84 | 0.88    | 1   | 5   |
|                              | Knowledge of regulation             | 60  | 3.98       | 1.03 | 1       | 5   |
| Corporate social responsibility (CSR) | Ethics                          | 60  | 3.90       | 3.97 | 1.00    | 1   | 5   |
|                              | Health & safety                    | 60  | 4.06       | 1.01 | 2       | 5   |
| Approach to green suppliers  | Certification (ISO 9000 & ISO 140001 EMS) | 60  | 4.00       | 4.03 | 1.28    | 1   | 5   |
|                              | Eco-design product                 | 60  | 4.06       | 0.95 | 2       | 5   |

![Path Diagram](image.png)
and reliability of a latent variable.

**Validity Testing**

Validity testing, or better known as convergent validity, is used to determine whether an indicator is valid in measuring variables. The loading factor shows convergent testing validity. The indicator is said to be valid if the loading factor is more significant than 0.6. The concurrent validity test results are presented in Table 3.

Based on the table above, it can be seen that the green procurement implementation, middle management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers variables have a loading factor value greater than 0.6. It means that the indicator is declared valid in measuring variables. Next, convergent validity is performed using the Average Variance Extracted (AVE) value. For convergent validity, to be seen through loading factors, Average Variance Extracted (AVE) can also be known. An instrument is said to meet the convergent validity test if it has an Average Variance Extracted (AVE) above 0.5. The results of convergent validity testing are shown in Table 4.

Based on the table above, it can be seen that the green procurement implementation, middle management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers variables are composite reliability and Cronbach’s alpha. The test criteria state that if composite reliability is greater than 0.7, and if Cronbach’s alpha is greater than 0.6, the variable is declared reliable. The calculation results of composite reliability and Cronbach’s alpha can be seen through the summary presented in Table 5.

Based on the table above, it can be seen that the composite reliability and Cronbach’s alpha values on the green procurement implementation, middle management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers’ variables are greater than 0.7 and 0.6. Thus, based on the calculation of composite reliability and Cronbach’s alpha, all indicators that measure green procurement implementation such as middle management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers’ variables are declared reliable.

| Table 3. Convergent validity: Loading factor |
|---------------------------------------------|
| **Variable** | **Dimension** | **Loading factor** |
| Green procurement implementation | GPS | 1.000 |
| Middle management support | R1 | 0.927 |
| Awareness | F2 | 0.827 |
| Corporate social responsibility | E3 | 0.890 |
| Approach to green suppliers | C4 | 0.961 |

| Table 4. Convergent validity: AVE |
|----------------------------------|
| **Variable** | **AVE** |
| Green procurement implementation | 1.000 |
| Middle management support | 0.743 |
| Awareness | 0.768 |
| Corporate social responsibility | 0.839 |
| Approach to green suppliers | 0.920 |

| Table 5. Composite reliability and Cronbach Alpha |
|-----------------------------------------------|
| **Variable latent** | **Composite reliability** | **Cronbach’s alpha** |
| Green Procurement Implementation | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Middle Management Support | 0.852 | 0.671 |
| Awareness | 0.868 | 0.708 |
| Corporate Social Responsibility | 0.940 | 0.904 |
| Approach to Green Suppliers | 0.958 | 0.913 |
The goodness of Fit Model

The goodness of fit model is used to determine the magnitude of the ability of exogenous variables to explain the diversity of endogenous variables, or in other words, to determine the extent of the contribution of exogenous variables to endogenous variables. The goodness of fit model in PLS analysis is performed using the coefficient of determination (R-Square) and Q-Square predictive relevance (Q^2).

R-square value from the analysis using SmartPLS software obtained a value of 0.782. This can show that the formation of a model from green procurement implementation research can be explained well by the middle management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers' variables with a value of 78.3%. In comparison, 21.7% is contributed by other factors that are not discussed in this study.

Q-Square predictive relevance (Q^2) is 0.613 or 61.3%. This can indicate that the middle management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers' variables have an overall contribution to green procurement implementation of 61.3%. In contrast, the remaining 38.7% is contributed by other variables not discussed in the study.

Hypothesis Testing Direct Effects

Testing the direct influence hypothesis is used to test whether there is a direct influence of exogenous variables on endogenous variables. The test criteria state that if T statistics > T table (1.96), then the significant impact of exogenous variables on endogenous variables is stated. The results of hypothesis testing can be known in Table 7.

The influence of middle management support on green procurement implementation produces T statistics of 1.533. The test results show that T-statistics < T-table (1.533 < 1.96). This means that there is no significant influence of middle management support on green procurement implementation. This result is relevant to the findings of the study by Carter and Jennings (2004) and Blome et al. (2014). They found that top management is more significantly and directly related to the green procurement application instead of middle management. This is because the procurement activity is a logistics activity that must be decided by top management. After all, it involves a large investment for a long time horizon. In addition, procurement will also include a strategic decision to award the type of contract to the supplier, whether long, medium, or short term, which can only be decided by top management (Reck and Long, 1988, Walker and Brammer, 2016).

The effect of awareness on green procurement implementation yields T-statistics of 0.808. The test results show that T-statistics < T-table (0.808 < 1.96). This means that there is no significant effect of awareness on green procurement implementation. Moreover, the influence of

| Variable exogen | Variable endogen | Path Coefficient | T statistic |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Middle management support | Green procurement implementation | 0.138 | 1.533 |
| Awareness | Green procurement implementation | 0.103 | 0.808 |
| Corporate social responsibility | Green procurement implementation | 0.173 | 1.542 |
| Approach to green suppliers | Green procurement implementation | 0.520 | 4.960 |
corporate social responsibility on green procurement implementation produces T statistics of 1.542. The test results show that T statistics < T table (1.542 < 1.96). This means that there is no significant effect of corporate social responsibility on green procurement implementation. The findings of this study are in line with the results of Carter and Jennings (2004). They found that there is no significant relationship between individual values of purchasing staff on purchasing social responsibility. It is likely due to the capability of the organization in implementing green procurement. Large institutions tend to have the capability and ability to implement green procurement policies to their procurement staff divisions (Michelsen and de Boer, 2009).

The effect of approach to green suppliers’ on green procurement implementation resulted in T statistics of 4.960. The test results show that T statistics > T table (1.96). This means that there is a significant influence of approach to green suppliers’ on green procurement implementation. The result of this study is supported by Blome et al. (2014), which indicated that there is a supportive relationship between green procurement and the development of green suppliers. The adoption of green procurement would ensure other environmental practices such as eco-production, eco-design, and green supply. The green procurement adoption policy also builds trust between buyers and suppliers to consider environmental issues in their activities (Bag, 2016). Other investigations on an organization with ISO certification by de Sousa Jabbour et al. (2014) found that green procurement and green supply from a supplier would together directly affect the organization’s green performance adoption.

V. CONCLUSION

This study investigates the factors that affected the adoption of green procurement in the Indonesian educational institution. The variables such as middle management support, awareness, corporate social responsibility, and approach to green suppliers are tested to find their effects on the adoption of green procurement. The results show that top management should take more responsibility for the adoption of green procurement rather than imposing it on middle management. The involvement of top management in strategic decisions such as green procurement would affect the staff initiative (awareness) on their consciousness of green procurement implementation. The relationship between the variable of corporate social responsibility on green procurement has indicated no significant correlation. This finding is affected by the size of the institution. The large size of the institutions would have more capabilities to develop procurement staff’s consciousness on the adoption of green procurement. Finally, the adoption of green procurement in educational institutions would affect other processes and stakeholders ethically to consider environmental issues in their activities. For further study, firm size as a separate variable that affects green procurement would help academics and practitioners understand the problems in more detail and complex.

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