

How can SMEs do business with the federal government



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Office of Small and Medium Enterprises

- OSME was created to support small and medium enterprises through the federal procurement process.
- Role is to engage, assist and inform SMEs on how to sell goods and services to the Government of Canada.
- OSME will work to reduce barriers to ensure fairness in the process.







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Opportunities for SMEs

- One of the largest buyers of goods and services in Canada. ٠
- Buys billions of dollars of a wide range of goods and services ۲ each year.
- Opportunities for contracts exist ranging from hundreds to ٠ billions of dollars.
- Small and Medium Enterprises received approximately threequarters (more than 14,000 of the close to 18,000 contracts) awarded annually to suppliers in Canada, by PWGSC.





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Procurement Under \$25,000

- Although the majority of contracts under \$25,000 are awarded using a competitive process, noncompetitive approaches are used in some circumstances.
- Aims to get best value for Canadians while enhancing access, competition and fairness to businesses.
- Familiar way of working, but an exhaustive list of potential clients can make it challenging to identify the best fit.
- Suppliers may be identified through networks and research as well as various federal supplier registration systems.







Competitive Procurement over \$25,000

- Procurement of goods and services over \$25,000 is done through ۲ the solicitation of bids and quotes from potential suppliers using a variety of methods.
- The four most commonly used are:
 - An Invitation to Tender (ITT)
 - A Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - A Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) •
 - A Request for Supply Arrangement (RFSA) •
- The tender notice will indicate the method of procurement being used and will outline the solicitation documents.



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The Non-Competitive Approach





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The Defence Procurement Strategy



- Delivering the right equipment in a timely manner.
 - Leveraging purchases of defence equipment to create jobs and economic growth.
- Streamlining defence procurement processes.





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Who are the Federal Players

Major Purchasers

- Department of National Defence
- Canadian Coast Guard
- Canadian Space Agency
- Public Safety
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Canadian Security Intelligence Service
- Communications Security **Establishment**

Supports buyers and suppliers

- Public Works and Government Services Canada
- Industry Canada
- Department of Foreign Affairs, ٠ Trade and Development
- Canadian Commercial Corporation
- Regional Development Agencies





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Defence Acquisition Guide (DAG)

- Designed to provide industry with the information they need to make informed research and development investments decisions based on potential requirements.
- Reflect the future operational requirements of the Canadian Armed Forces over a period of 5 to 20 years.
- This helps Canadian firms to be better positioned to compete for future Government of Canada and international defence procurement opportunities.



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Naval Systems



Land Systems



Aerospace Systems



Joint and Other Systems





Command Services

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- Objective
- Requirements
- Preliminary Estimate
- Anticipated Timeline
- Point of Contact



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The Build in Canada Innovation Program (BCIP)

- Is designed to assist Canadian businesses with innovative goods and services move their innovations from the laboratory to the marketplace.
- The primary purpose of this program is to stimulate innovation and R&D in the business sector by encouraging federal departments to test new goods and services
- Suppliers can then use feedback provided to further refine their innovation as they move toward full commercialization.
- In order to participate in this program, watch Buyandsell.gc.ca/tenders for calls for proposals.

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