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Concurrent Session #1: Vendor Performance Management

Ricardo Seoane, Associate Director, Strategic Policy Sector, Acquisitions Branch, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Since he began working for the Government of Canada in 2002, Ricardo has worked for Employment and Social Development Canada and most recently with Public Services and Procurement Canada.

He has held increasingly senior positions in financial management, real property management, and procurement. Most recently, as the Associate Director for Strategic

Policy Development, Ricardo has been leading the design, development, and implementation of a new vendor performance management regime that will apply across the Government of Canada.

In addition to these responsibilities, he also oversees the provision of policy advice and guidance as it relates to the interpretation of Canada's procurement obligations that stem from national as well as international trade agreements.

Ricardo is fluent in English, French, and Spanish.

Concurrent Session #2: Materiel Management: From Policy to Practice

Bronwynn Guymer, Senior Policy Analyst for Materiel Management Department of National Defence.

Bronwynn Guymer, a 28 year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, is currently the Senior Policy Analyst for Materiel Management in DND and

the CAF. She has extensive Materiel Management experience from operational front line units up to corporate oversight and coordination. She has completed the Certified Supply Chain Transformation Architect Training, is certified in Supply Chain Operations Reference Model and has led multiple change initiatives within DND.

Concurrent Session #3: What's Happening with Certifications

Jessica Johnston, Director, Acquired Services and Assets Sector (ASAS) Communities Management Office, Acquired Services & Assets Sector, Office of the Comptroller General

Jessica Johnston, Director, Acquired Services and Assets Sector (ASAS) Communities Management Office, Acquired Services & Assets Sector, Office of the Comptroller General Jessica has been working at the Treasury Board Secretariat for over 12 years. She has been the Director of the ASAS Communities Management Office (CMO) since July 2017. In this position, she has been providing support to help build the capacity of federal government procurement, real property and materiel management functional communities. Previous positions within ASAS include the roles of Chief of Staff to the Assistant Comptroller General and Senior Advisory in the Investment, Project Management and Policy Division. Before joining TBS, Jessica worked in the strategic policy branches of a number of federal departments, such as Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and Environment and Climate Change Canada. Jessica graduated from Carleton University with a Master of Arts in Public Administration and from Queen's University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Hands On Activity #4: Resilient Teams – Building and Managing

Lynda Allair, NIGP-CPP, CPPO Seven Towers Consulting

Lynda Allair has over forty years of experience as a public procurement leader within the provincial, municipal and health care sectors in Ontario. She has served NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) in numerous capacities, and her local Chapter and is a frequent Forum speaker and moderator.

Lynda instructs public procurement classes for NIGP, the University of Guelph and others upon request, as well as providing consulting services both independently and through NIGP's Consulting program.

Activity #1 CARNAVALE!

Anna Wilson, Founder, Play! Joyful Fitness Class

Anna Wilson, Founder of Play! Joyful Fitness, has enjoyed a career of almost ten years in the fitness realm. She's worked as the Fitness Coordinator for a not-for-profit recreation centre, hiring and training staff, as well as creating new and innovative bestselling programs, including pre and postnatal, bootcamps and specialized theme workouts with a twist!

Anna is a certified Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor, Pre and Postnatal Instructor (and Birth Doula), Aqua- Fitness, Pilates and TRX Instructor, and currently working on her Yoga Teacher 500 Hour Training, soon to be a Yoga Therapist-in-Training. Having studied the psychology and impacts of play on children, Anna has sought to bring more Play into the workforce, and into fitness. Seeing as her higher ups told her, "Tickle Fights are not allowed during meetings," and, "Could you please stop using your office chair as a bowling ball and your colleagues as pins", Anna decided Play would be best suited for fitness classes and active times. It worked!

As famed Psychologist Jean Piaget once said, "Children learn through play." And yet, at what age do we stop playing? Why?

The benefits of play across the lifespan are many: enhanced cognition, improved relationships, better memory...why did we stop?

When Anna began her career as a Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor, she was keen to bring playful fitness into the mix.

If we all would just play a little more, maybe we would be a little happier, feel a little lighter, and - here's the kicker - we would get fit in the process.

Anna can't wait to welcome you with open arms. Play is not limited to children; it is a universal language, and one we can all do with more of!

Activity #2: Laughter Yoga

Petra Friedrichson, M.Ed, Certified Yoga Leader

Petra is a teacher at heart. She is registered with the Ontario College of Teachers and taught French and English as a Second Language with the Ottawa Catholic School Board for 25 years.

Petra completed her undergraduate degree in Linguistics in Germany and holds a Master of Education degree from Ottawa U.

15 years ago, Petra started Laughter Yoga to distress and alleviate physical pain from a skiing accident. Seeing herself as a serious person, Petra did not like the idea of laughing, but gave Laughter Yoga a try to avoid pain medication and its side effects. After her first Laughter session she was hooked as she felt the benefits of laughter right away. She became a certified Laughter Yoga leader. Now retired from daily teaching in Ottawa schools, Petra continues leading Laughter yoga sessions for people of all ages, abilities and walks of life. She has been a volunteer Laughter Leader at the Ottawa Laughter Club for the past four years. Petra also offers private events in Laughter Yoga and facilitates workshops when called upon.

Activity #3: Hips, Low back + Meditation

Kate W. Mak, Founder, Mynah School of Yoga

Kate is a Calgary based yoga teacher who is a self proclaimed fun enthusiast that is always seeking to learn, teach, travel and eat.

She believes in living a life that is full, happy and healthy. Living wildly towards all the great things your heart desires and meeting amazing people all along the way. Teaching yoga and getting onto the mat myself is one of the most beautiful and satisfying journeys she has been on and continue to walk along. It is her humble hope that she can encourage and inspire while sharing the pieces of her with every class she teaches.

It is important for her to approach and teach from a place of playfulness while going deeper into the flow and poetry of the practice. In her classes, she strives to blend her background in science with the steeped wisdom that comes from yoga teachings while keeping it light hearted and fun. It is her intention to awaken within each of you, your ability to act as positive instruments in this world for change. This is powered by love, joy and laughter!

In more recent developments, she has founded the MYNAH School of Yoga and offering yoga teacher trainings with the belief that achieving our wildest dreams is done by unwaivering support and love of community. The MYNAH faculty becomes that community for our trainees as they

generously offer their knowledge and wisdom. It is a heart full offering straight from the soul.

Concurrent Session #5: Update on the TB Policy Suite Reset and the Directive on the Management of Procurement

Danielle Aubin, Director, Strategic Policy, Procurement Policy Division, Office of the Comptroller General

Danielle has been working at the Treasury Board Secretariat in the Procurement Policy Division since 2013. She has been the Director of Strategic Policy since 2017. She is responsible for the development of new procurement policies and guidance material, including the Directive on Government Contracts, Including Real Property Leases, in the Nunavut Settlement Area, and she coordinates advice and briefings on procurement issues. Danielle has worked in strategic policy positions at Veterans Affairs, Public Safety and the Privy Council Office. She started her career at TBS in the program sector, gaining valuable experience on defence-related files. Danielle holds a Masters of Arts in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Canadian Studies from Queen's University.

Concurrent Session #6: Keeping it Accountable

Julia Pinheiro, Manager Inventory Management Operations, Department of National Defence.

Julia Pinheiro is currently Manager Inventory Management Operations at Department of National Defence, working for DND since 2008. She provides guidance to internal stakeholders and facilitates ongoing materiel management and materiel accountability improvements. The Department's commitment to effective materiel management processes and improving its supply chain directly supports CAF operations. Julia is also the Project Director for 2 initiatives in the Department's Management Action Plan aimed to improve materiel accountability, National Stocktaking Program and Inventory Management Modernization and Rationalization Project

Case Study #7A: Learn, Engage, and Explore. How to improve my business acumen skills in one learning session

Al Garlinski, Regional Trainer, School of Procurement, Business Advisory Services, Western Region, Public Services Procurement Canada (PSPC)

Al Garlinski is the Regional Trainer for the School of Procurement, Business Advisory Services, Western Region, Public Services Procurement Canada (PSPC).

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Concurrent Session #8: Your Brain on Change: How to Thrive in and Help Manage Rapid Change

Lisa Belanger, Ph.D., CSEP-CEP, Researcher, author and CEO of ConsciousWorks.

Award-winning CEO Dr. Lisa Bélanger shows leaders and teams how insights from psychology, neuroscience, and behavioural science can be applied in the workplace to optimize performance, productivity, and innovation. She helps close the gap between intention and action, resulting in long-term change and a greater competitive advantage.

Bélanger holds a PhD in Behavioural Medicine, and is a Certified Exercise Physiologist, a researcher at the University of Calgary, and an instructor at

the University of Alberta Executive Education. She is also the CEO and founder of Conscious Works, a consulting firm that shows how insights from behavioural science can strategically improve habits of both corporate leaders and their employees.

On-stage, Bélanger has presented to clients throughout North America and across the globe, including Collins Barrow, the University of Alberta, and CEBS Canada. Her dynamic keynotes share practical insights and strategies to help audiences learn how to take control of their habits and, as a result, take control of their life.

Bélanger is the author of two books — Inspire Me Well: Finding Motivation to Take Control of Your Health, and her upcoming release, A Cup of Mindfulness for the Busy and Restless. She is also the founder of Knight's Cabin, a national charity offering wellness programming to cancer survivors.

Keynote #9: Cooking with a Chef

Matt Basile, Founder, Fidel Gastro's

Matt Basile believes food should be fun, and that in the food business you have to do things differently to be memorable.

The creator of the Toronto-based street food brand Fidel Gastro's, Basile started his career in advertising as a copywriter, but when he was just 26 years old, he left it all to host his first underground popup in Toronto. Now, Fidel Gastro's has grown from a fold-up table to a food empire receiving national and international attention. Under the Fidel Gastro's brand, Basile operates one of Canada's most recognizable food trucks and for six phenomenal years ran the gastro pub, Lisa Marie. It was featured on various TV series, including You Gotta Eat Here! and Chef In The City, and was also ranked as the ninth best brunch spot in Canada by OpenTable magazine. In addition, Basile hosted the reality television show Rebel Without a Kitchen, which aired on Netflix, Travel and Escape Channel, the Cooking Channel, and the Asian Food Channel. He also hosts original cooking shows on YouTube that include Chefs In Cars Getting Takeout, Date Night with Grandma, YAAAA Brunch, and much more! Basile and his partner, Kyla Zanardi, are the bestselling authors of two cookbooks: Street Food Diaries and, most recently, Brunch Life. He is also a food writer for both The Huffington Post and Vice, and a regular guest on

programs such as Global Morning and Breakfast Television. In 2015, Basile was nominated for a coveted Canadian Screen Award for Best Host of a Canadian Reality Series.

Concurrent Session #10: Contract Modernization Initiative

Lucie Charron, Senior Policy Analyst, Centralized Services Directorate, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Lucie Charron holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics with Honours from the University of Waterloo and a Master's of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Victoria.

Lucie began her career working for the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, a nationally recognized, non-profit research and lobby organization representing the interests of small- and medium-size businesses at the municipal, provincial and federal government level in Canada. As Senior Economist for the National Affairs office of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, she authored a number of research reports on socio-economic policy issues impacting Canadian small- and medium-size businesses, some of which generated significant media attention and contributed to public policy debates in Canada.

In 2010, Lucie joined the Canadian public service in Transport Canada's Economic Analysis and Research Directorate. She helped develop a public-private data partnership with key commodity industry stakeholders. This led to the development of new innovative supply-chain performance metrics that evaluate the level of congestion of the Canadian Transportation sector in real-time. The model developed has been validated by Texas A&M University and received a National Creativity and Innovation Award for its methodology.

In 2015, Lucie joined Public Services and Procurement Canada to work on the department's Procurement Modernization agenda. Since 2017, Lucie has been working on the Contract Modernization Initiative, a project that leverages innovative artificial intelligence software and world-renowned experts in the field of contract analysis to conduct in-depth contract analysis, and more importantly, propose simpler and clearer ways to present and assemble contracting documents.

Concurrent Session #11: Materiel Forecasting and Planning: why it's important, things to consider and lessons learned

Denis Cowling, Business Intelligence Manager, Defence Supply Chain, Department of National Defence

Dennis began his career as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces and transferred to the Public Service upon his retirement. He is currently managing business intelligence for the Defence Supply Chain, which includes Performance Measurement, Inventory Valuation and Materiel Forecasting and Planning. His experience in materiel management began at the operational unit level, included command of a materiel maintenance depot and, as a member of the Public Service, assignment as the Joint Contracts Cell Manager for Task Force Afghanistan Headquarters.

Concurrent Session #12: Fleet Management in an international setting at GAC

Minh Khai Trinh, Director of Procurement Operations, assets and fleet management, Global Affairs Canada.

Minh Khai Trinh has 20 years of professional experience in procurement, assets and fleet management.

As a Director of Procurement Operations, assets and fleet management at GAC since 2018, Khai currently leads a division mandated to provide procurement services in the area of physical security as well as supporting GAC vast Missions network in assets and fleet management.

Prior to joining GAC, Khai had worked with CIDA, DND and PWGSC where he had the opportunities to lead and be involved in major IM/IT procurement initiatives and Defence projects/programs including the CF-188, the Snowbirds and the ammunition programs.

Khai holds a science degree from l'Université de Montréal and a mini-MBA from McGill.

Mariam Stitou, Assets and fleet manager, Global Affairs Canada.

Mariam Stitou is a procurement manager at Global Affairs Canada (GAC). She manages a team in charge of special projects including procurement, fleet and assets management. She is part of several interdepartmental working groups looking at developing and implementing new initiatives related to procurement, fleet and assets management within the Public Service.

Prior to joining GAC, she worked for different federal agencies and departments where she performed various duties related to the field of procurement and assets management. Outside of the public service, Mariam has worked for the semi-private sector where she gained experience in procurement, in project management, in leading national research, in developing policies, and in training delivery. Mariam has also served as a volunteer special advisor to various steering committees responsible for the organization of national conferences in Canada. Mariam holds various university degrees including a Bachelor degree in Commerce from the University of Ottawa and a Master in Project Management from the Université du Québec en Outaouais.

Concurrent Session #13: CanadaBuys: Improving Federal Procurement for Suppliers, Government and Canadians

Emilio Franco, Senior Director, Procurement Business Modernization, Electronic procurement solution (EPS)

Emilio is a highly versatile Public Service Executive, Speaker, Professor, Youth Advocate, and Digital Transformer who has dedicated his career to leading projects that modernize government and make procurement awesome.

He is currently the Senior Director of Procurement Business Modernization at Public Services and Procurement Canada, where he leads a complex transformation initiative to modernize the Government of Canada's procurement operations.

In addition to his dedication to the field of procurement, he has also worked to support the advancement of Agile, Cloud, Social Media, and other digital services in government.

He holds a Masters in Electronic Business Technologies and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Ottawa, teaches part-time as a professor of Public Sector Procurement at Algonquin and is a member of the APEX Board of Directors.

Concurrent Session #14: Materiel Divestment

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Panel #15: Lessons learned from Procurement in Crisis

Jamie Madden, Director, Procurement and Materiel Management, Transport Canada.

Jamie Madden is the Director of Procurement and Materiel Management at Transport Canada. Jamie joined the Public Service in 2008, starting as a Contracting and Procurement Officer (PG-01) for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. She subsequently held procurement roles at the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office. Later at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, she oversaw manufacturing and inventory control for the Canadian Passport Program as the Assistant Director of Supply Chain Management. Before joining Transport, Ms. Madden was acting as Director of Contracts and Materiel Management at the Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Jamie strives to stay at the leading edge of innovation and new practices in the world of procurement: since 2019, she is also the co-chair of the PSPC Client Advisory Board (CAB) for procurement. Jamie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Laval University.

Daniel Pilon, Director, Contracting Policy, Materiel Management, Monitoring & Operations (SPP).

Daniel Pilon is the current Director of Contracting Policy, Materiel Management, Monitoring & Operations at Global Affairs Canada (GAC), with over 23 years of experience in the procurement field. Prior to joining GAC in 2018, Daniel held positions as Director of Contracts and Materiel Management at the Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development; and Chief of Contracts at the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. He started his career in procurement in the late 90's as a Contracts Administrator working for the United States Department of Defense. Daniel was also co-chair of the PSPC Client Advisory Board from 2015 to 2019. Daniel enjoys decorating his office with Star Wars trinkets,

growing especially spicy hot peppers, and brewing his own home-made beer.

Sylvain Amyotte, Director, Materiel and Asset Management Division, Chief Financial Officer Branch.

Sylvain Amyotte has more than 30 years of service in the federal public service. During his first 13 years, he worked as an auditor in the Office of the Auditor General of Canada where he performed financial attestation and performance audits of Departments and Agencies. Subsequently, he joined Health Canada and held a number of positions in the financial field, among others as; Manager, Reporting and Analysis, as well as - Financial management and advisory services; Director, Internal Control; Director, Public Accounts and Policy. Since 2015, he has been Director, Materiel and Asset Management Division, responsible for procurement activities for Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Angus O'Leary, Acting Director General, Office of Small and Medium Enterprise

Angus O'Leary is the Acting Director General for the Office of Small and Medium Enterprise. Angus is responsible for overseeing a diverse portfolio, including management of teams responsible for Pan-Canadian and international procurement relations, supplier engagement, federal government procurement engagement, and the current Canadian online procurement portal. Previously, in his substantive role, Angus is the Senior Director of the Client Engagement Coordination Directorate. Prior to joining the Office of Small and Medium Enterprise, Angus O'Leary worked as the Director of Evaluation and Acting Chief Audit and Evaluation Directorate for PSPC.

Concurrent Session #16: Change Management - Taking the Pulse

Mario Beaulne, Senior Manager, Financial and Administration Branch, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Mario Beaulne, Senior Manager is a Procurement and Materiel Management expert with over 35 years of experience as a public servant. I worked in 7 departments. Started my career at Federal Court of Canada back in 1985 and then moved on to Natural Resources Canada, HRDC / Service Canada, Indians and Northern Affairs, Global Affairs, Treasury Board

and finally Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC). As the Ambassador of Change, I led various projects mainly the transformation of modernization of procurement. For the past years, I devoted my expertise to implement the utilization of the digital signature and changing the way we work: leading several greening initiative. Reducing paper, implementing paperless environment and more. At PSPC, since 2015 has supported, developed, implemented and led the usage of the digital signature within various stage.

Award recognitions:

- 2015 – Transformation Award
 - Greening initiative
- 2017 – Transformer Award
 - Procurement modernization
- 2018 – Innovation Award
 - Digital signature

Roxane Seguin, Ambassador of Change and Transformation, Finance and Administration Branch, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Roxane Séguin joined PSPC back in March 2016. It was a drastic career change from a 25 year career as a Telecommunication Expert spanning from PWGSC, TBS and CBSA into the complex world of procurement. Further down the road, an opportunity presented itself to explore the change management model Prosci ADKAR which lead into becoming an Ambassador of Change and Transformation. All of a sudden, Roxane found her footing again. Throughout her career, Roxane's leadership skills and employee mental health awareness have brought forward new ways of doing business.

Over the past four (4) years, Roxane has successfully lead teams towards a paperless environment and greening awareness with the implementation of the digital signature (s.41). Furthermore, Roxane is co-leading a digital signature initiative for the endorsement of the new business practice for departmental-wide procurement activities. The COVID-19 pandemic has propelled forward the digital way of doing business.

Award:

2018 Innovation Award

- Digital signature (s.41) / PSPC Acquisition Branch

Concurrent Session #17: Managing Innovations

Barbara Robertson, Senior Technical Advisor, Procurement Modernization

Barbara Robertson is the Senior Technical Advisor of Procurement Modernization at Elections Canada. She is focused on making procurement simple, beneficial, adaptive and innovative. Barbara was previously a Senior Advisor of Procurement and Contracting at Elections Canada and also has experience as a Project Manager in the private sector. She is passionate about improving business processes, finding efficiencies and leveraging technology to better serve suppliers and clients. Barbara was instrumental in establishing procurement modernization as a project, introducing e-signature, electronic bid receipt, updates to the supplier website and a case management system at Elections Canada, as well as streamlining and simplifying a number of internal processes and forms.

Concurrent Session #18: An integrated approach to Covid at CBSA

Erin Lapensee, A/Director, Contracting and Procurement, Canada Border Services Agency

Concurrent Session #19: Bringing socio-economic considerations into the process

Din Begovic, Manager, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Dr. Din Begovic is a manager with the Strategic Policy Sector of PSPC's Acquisitions Program. Dr. Begovic's team is responsible for designing and testing innovative approaches to including socio-economic considerations in procurement. Some of the approaches currently being tested include green procurement, supplier diversification, and social benefits for women, visible minorities, Indigenous People and persons with disabilities.

Prior to joining PSPC, Dr. Begovic held numerous research positions in the federal public service, including more than eight years working as a defence scientist at the Department of National Defence and lead data scientist at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. In his spare time, Dr. Begovic enjoys travelling and teaching university courses on information and communication technology.

Concurrent Session #20: Power Tips: How to Keep Learning When You Already Have a Crazy Busy Life

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Concurrent Session #21: Passion in the Workplace

Peter Katz, JUNO-Nominated Musician and Storyteller

Peter Katz has evolved from a nervous first-timer at an open mic night into a JUNO Award, Canadian Screen Award, and two-time Canadian Folk Music Award nominated singer-songwriter with five albums under his belt. He has toured the world for the past 15 years in support of his music, sharing the stage and studio with legendary musicians like Academy Award winner and Grammy nominee Glen Hansard, and Garth Hudson (from The Band). A gifted storyteller, Peter infuses his presentations with songs which inspire

audiences to create their own path, overcome obstacles, and find success in whatever they desire.

CBC Radio Host Tom Power called Peter's latest release, *We Are The Reckoning*, "One of the most heartfelt, beautiful and vulnerable records of the year... an astonishing record," and NOW Magazine named him "Best Male Vocalist" in Toronto. Peter's songs have been used in numerous movies and TV shows, such as *Lethal Weapon*, *Reign*, *Sign Sealed and Delivered*, *Felicity*, *For Your Consideration*, *Hello Goodbye*, *Alias*, and *Heartland*, as well as in the CBC's Olympic coverage in 2016. To date, his music has been streamed over 3 million times on Spotify and his music videos have over 16 million views on YouTube.

As a speaker, Peter is a 4-time TEDx fellow, being called on to give his highly customized "Keynote Concerts" to countless companies and organizations across various industries like Bell, Xerox, Royal LePage, SITE Global, Trillium Health, The Canadian Society of Association Executives, and the Government of Canada, to name a few.

Concurrent Session #22: Supply Chain Canada's COVID-19 Task Force: Stories of Resilience in a Global Pandemic

Simona Zar, Director, Industry Affairs & Public Policy, Supply Chain Canada
Simona leads Supply Chain Canada's advocacy efforts; ensuring supply chain professionals have a seat in key policy discussions. She developed Supply Chain Canada's advocacy guiding principles, continues to evolve the association's advocacy presence and spearheads a number of key industry engagement initiatives, including the Business Associates program. She has led strategic projects in several health and education non-profit organizations and is passionate about cultivating partnerships with public and private sector partners. Simona holds a BA Honours in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations from Carleton University, and a MA in Public and International Affairs from York University.

Mike Owens, Sole Proprietor, Laser Supply Chain Consulting Services

Mike is a supply chain management professional with 35+ years of experience in industry and consulting. During his tenure, Mike led the integration of acquired businesses, implemented Lean, and led the ERP

implementation in the Operations group, as well as managing multiple collective bargaining agreements. Mike worked for Nestle Canada Inc. for 21 years, the last 8 as the Vice President of Logistics, covering multiple supply chains including the ice cream DSD network in Canada. Under Mike's tutelage, a complete revamp of the DSD network was conducted in 2008 leading to the most efficient DSD network in Nestle SA Globally.

Concurrent Session #23: The Emerging Trends in Service Agreements

Hart Massie, Vice-President, Corporate Development Core – Centre for Outsourcing Research and Education and Supply Chain Canada

Concurrent Session #24: Government tips for working at home

John Medcof, Transferable Skills team, Canada School of Public Service

John works in the Transferable Skills team at the Canada School of Public Service. His team curates, designs and delivers learning for federal public servants to help them develop portable skills and mindsets that are relevant inside, outside and across government. This includes learning related to Business Acumen, Leadership, and Enabling Skills, to help build a public service that is kinetic, connected and collaborative.

Activity #4: Haunted Walk Campfire

Dale Jarvis, Founder, St. Johns Haunted Hike

Dale Gilbert Jarvis is a storyteller, author, and folklorist, living and working in Newfoundland, Canada. By day, he works as the Intangible Cultural Heritage Development Officer for the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, helping communities to safeguard traditional culture. By night, Dale is the proprietor of the St. John's Haunted Hike ghost tour and raconteur of local tales. As a storyteller, he performs ghost stories, stories of the fairies and little people, tales of phantom ships and superstitions, and legends and traditional tales from Newfoundland, Labrador and beyond. His repertoire includes long-form folk and fairy tales from the island, with a wide-ranging knowledge of local legends, tall tales and myths. Author of several books on Newfoundland and Labrador ghost stories and folklore, he is a tireless promoter of local culture.

John Adams, Founder, Ghostly Walks of Victoria

After a career in the museums and history industry, John Adams decided to bring his passion for sharing Victoria's stories to life. His vision was to create a unique, engaging experience of Victoria's rich history by sharing true stories on the streets, in the actual locations where history happened. Discover the Past and Ghostly Walks were born from that vision. Today, Discover the Past continues to be run by John Adams, along with his son, Chris, a fellow history enthusiast and storyteller. Together, along with their exceptional team of guides, John and Chris lead thousands of people through the streets of Victoria each year, using their extensive research and passion for storytelling to bring history to life.

Glen Shackleton, Founder, Haunted Walks Inc.

Glen Shackleton is the CEO and founder of Haunted Walks Inc. What started as a summer job has grown over 25 years into Canada's most popular walking tour company with a team of extraordinary tour guides in Kingston, Ottawa and Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Glen also works with cultural institutions and historic sites to create unique and memorable haunted programming.

Activity #5: Mixologist - Happy Hour and Jazz Social

Paul Saucier, Mixologist

Paul is a world renowned mixologist, known for his professionalism and expertise in classic cocktails and cocktail creation. After tending in cocktail bars in NYC and Europe, he went back to his home town of Ottawa , Ontario where he became the first Lead Mixologist and Head Bartender at the prestigious Fairmont Chateau Laurier where he created "The Statesman". He has since worked with many famous bars, creating their cocktail lists and training bar staff across North America and has appeared in numerous publications and TV shows.

Jocelyn Moore, Mixologist

Jocelyn Moore began her hospitality career in fine dining, working from the ground up in acclaimed restaurants and hotels like the Four Seasons, where she developed an eye for developing innovative cocktails. After having studied at several professional mixology schools, her passion for mixology deepened from her opportunity to train with master mixologist Paul Saucier, and now works alongside him on many projects. A resident of Old

Port in Montreal, she continues to fuel her creativity finding inspiration along her international travels.

Fawn Fritzen, Singer, Songwriter

Fawn embodies Canada's diversity with her mixed cultural roots of Chinese, French, and German. She sings in her four ancestral languages while blending jazz, roots, and gospel with candid storytelling. Fawn is the winner of the 2014 Julian Award of Excellence for Emerging Jazz Artists and recently released her third album, *How to Say Sorry and Other Lessons*, on Chronograph Records.

David Restivo, JUNO Award winner pianist

David is a JUNO award-winning pianist and composer, with hundred of recording credits to his name. He's well-known for his work with Rob McConnell and The Boss Brass, songwriter Marc Jordan, and a host of international jazz greats.

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Town Hall/ Keynote #25:

Dan Danagher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Affairs Canada

Dan Danagher began his career in 1983, serving in a trade capacity at External Affairs and International Trade. Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Dan also worked at Supply and Services Canada and other government organizations where he played key communication, procurement, and project management roles including major projects such as Canada's pavilions at international expositions and Canada's Washington DC chancery construction.

In the early 2000s, Mr. Danagher formally returned to the international orbit as Director of Government On-Line at Foreign Affairs & International Trade and Director General of Information Management at Agriculture and Agrifood Canada. From 2006-2010, Dan served as an Executive Director at the Treasury Board Secretariat leading key pangovernmental policy and legislative changes in the world of personnel management.

Mr. Danagher has served at the Assistant Deputy Minister level since 2010, leading teams of over 500 human resources professionals both at the Canada Revenue Agency and Public Works and Government Services Canada before rejoining Global Affairs Canada in July 2015 as the Assistant Deputy Minister of the International Platform Branch.

As the ADM of the International Platform Branch, Mr. Danagher oversees a team of professionals who provide the infrastructure in Canada's international network of missions from the delivery of real property and common services requirements to the management of major projects, physical security and diplomatic mail. Dan and his team of over 500 employees in Canada and roughly 1500 around the world strive to ensure that Canada's international infrastructure is effective, responsible and affordable.

Dan is a devoted marathon runner, is active in his community, and has proudly served on the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign cabinet since 2011. Dan has a B.Comm (Carleton University) and an MBA (Ottawa University). He and his wife and children reside in Manotick, Ontario.

Activity #6: OMG! - Energy Boosting activity

Anna Wilson, Founder, Play! Joyful Fitness Class

Anna Wilson, Founder of Play! Joyful Fitness, has enjoyed a career of almost ten years in the fitness realm. She's worked as the Fitness Coordinator for a not-for-profit recreation centre, hiring and training staff, as well as creating new and innovative bestselling programs, including pre and postnatal, bootcamps and specialized theme workouts with a twist!

Anna is a certified Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor, Pre and Postnatal Instructor (and Birth Doula), Aqua- Fitness, Pilates and TRX Instructor, and currently working on her Yoga Teacher 500 Hour Training, soon to be a Yoga Therapist-in-Training. Having studied the psychology and impacts of play on children, Anna has sought to bring more Play into the workforce, and into fitness. Seeing as her higher ups told her, "Tickle Fights are not allowed during meetings," and, "Could you please stop using your office chair as a bowling ball and your colleagues as pins", Anna decided Play would be best suited for fitness classes and active times. It worked!

As famed Psychologist Jean Piaget once said, "Children learn through play." And yet, at what age do we stop playing? Why?

The benefits of play across the lifespan are many: enhanced cognition, improved relationships, better memory...why did we stop?

When Anna began her career as a Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor, she was keen to bring playful fitness into the mix.

If we all would just play a little more, maybe we would be a little happier, feel a little lighter, and - here's the kicker - we would get fit in the process.

Anna can't wait to welcome you with open arms. Play is not limited to children; it is a universal language, and one we can all do with more of!

Activity #7: Hips, Low back + Meditation

Kate W. Mak, Founder, Mynah School of Yoga

Kate is a yoga teacher out of Calgary that has been teaching yoga for the past 11 years and is a proud Lululemon Legacy Ambassador and the founder to Mynah School of Yoga. She loves practicing yoga and loves teaching it from a light hearted and fun way, she believes that life is serious enough and your yoga practice shouldn't be a chore but rather a tool you can have to relax and to help you move more fluidly in your life. She's travelled the world teaching yoga at multiple festivals and yoga retreats from Banff to Bali with one of her oldest students at 75 years old! Kate believes that yoga is for everybody and every body, and has a way of teaching that is accessible for all.

She can't wait to share what she loves with you during the CIPMM Virtual Summit and looks forward to seeing you.

Activity #8: Workout Session

Philip Ndugga, Ndugga Martial Arts and Personal Training

Philip is one of Canada Top Fitness Trainers 2020, he has over 26 years of fitness experience in personal training, martial arts and group conditioning programs. A certified personal trainer with the American college of sports medicine and Canadian fitness professionals.

Philip has competed internationally in kickboxing and is also a creator of the BodyReno group conditioning program.

"I am very fortunate to be able to inspire motivate and help individuals discover their potential and reach their greatness through fitness"

Concurrent Session #26: Buying Together: The Canadian Collaborative Procurement Initiative

Alberto Garcia-Vargas, A/Director, Federal, Provincial, Territorial and International Relations, Acquisitions Program, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Alberto has been part of Public Services and Procurement Canada for over 15 years. He worked with government departments in the implementation of the procurement renewal initiative and in the implementation of the results and delivery approach for the procurement modernization initiative. Before joining the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Relations team (responsible for the Canadian Collaborative Procurement Strategy), Alberto led the Barrier Analysis Reduction Division in the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises and work with multiple stakeholders in the identification and reduction of barriers for small and medium businesses to access procurement.

Concurrent Session #27: Taking Care of Business: Adapting and Leading through Uncertainty

Josée Doucet, CD, MBA, Senior Director, GCSurplus (www.GCSurplus.ca)

Josée Doucet joined the public service in 2009 following a career in the Canadian Armed Forces. She worked within the Department of National Defence as a Senior Policy Analyst and advisor in the area of Materiel Management and as a Senior Procurement Authority responsible for the management of a variety of contracts including Optimized Weapon System Management, Repair and Overhaul and Foreign Military Sales. Josee joined Public Services and Procurement Canada in 2014 as the GCMil Manager responsible for the divestment of controlled goods and specialized assets. Josée has been in leadership roles throughout her career and took on the role of Senior Director in March 2020.

Concurrent Session #28: Innovative Logistics Technologies at Global Affairs Canada – Global Positioning System and Block chain

Alex Marchand, Deputy Director, Global Affairs Canada

Alex Marchand has been with the Global Logistics division as Deputy Director of the Administrative, Finance and Analytics unit for just over a year. He is responsible for the oversight of all financial operations, business analytics as well as the Diplomatic Shipment Tracking (GPS) initiative.

Christophe Raisonnier, Technical Analyst, Global Affairs Canada

Christophe Raisonnier is a former Military Tactical Task Force who joined the

Global Logistics Division for over two years. He is responsible for a technical project aimed at strengthening security measures for diplomatic shipments to Canadian missions around the world.

Jean-Francois Loyer, Deputy Director Global Logistics, Global Affairs Canada

With 27 years of service in the federal public service and with a combination of over 10 years of experience in the private sector, where most of his experience was gathered in the customer service sector. Always in search of perfection, he places his colleagues at the centre of it in order to always seek improvement with the services and products under his responsibility. With the common objective of optimizing the customer experience.

Concurrent Session #29: Building new leaders in Covid times

Jessica Sultan, Executive Director of the Procurement Policy and Communities Management Office at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

Jessica is the Executive Director of the Procurement Policy and Communities Management Office at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. Jessica is instrumental in leading and overseeing the Government's approach to procurement and represents the interests of the Government of Canada horizontally, providing key advisory services and direction to departments and agencies.

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Heather MacDonald, Director General, Procurement, Materiel and Asset Management, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Heather was appointed to her current position in December 2019, after having been the Director General of Procurement and Contracting at the RCMP since August 2015. In her current role, she is responsible for the national procurement program and the national materiel and asset management programs at the RCMP. Heather has been involved in procurement and contracting throughout her entire 30-year career in the public service. In addition to her procurement roles at RCMP, she has worked as a procurement and contracting officer at both the former Public Works and Government Services Canada and the Department of National Defence. Heather holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Manitoba and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Ottawa.

Andrea Knight, Executive Director, Strategic Policy Sector (SPS), Public Services and Procurement Canada

Having been with the Government for almost 20 years, Andrea has extensive experience in federal, provincial and territorial government relations; negotiating and managing contracts, agreements and MOUs; and designing and implementing new programs in partnership with other departments. Andrea is currently an Executive Director in the Strategic Policy Sector at Public Services and Procurement Canada where she is responsible for strategic policy planning with a focus on procurement modernization, including leveraging federal buying power to achieve socio-economic goals. Andrea holds a Master's degree in Public Administration, specializing in Canadian Public Policy from Carleton University.

Keri-Lee Doré, Project Director, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Ms. Keri-Lee Doré has been employed with the Public Service for over 27 years. Her career began in 1992 as a full-time employee with the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) where she held various positions, including Procurement Officer for the Canadarm2. She joined the Materiel Group with National Defence in 1999 and for 18 years, Ms. Doré was employed as a Procurement Officer in various Level 2 organizations, specializing in Capital Acquisition projects. In early 2015, she was accepted into the Executive Development Program where she completed her leadership

training and stretch assignment as the Business Management Team Lead. In June 2016, Ms. Doré finally graduated from the University of Ottawa. In May 2018, Ms. Doré qualified in a Materiel Group EX01 process and is currently the Director of Management Coordination for the Group, which is essentially all that is Human Resources. What's next for Keri-Lee? She is going to work on her Project Management Competency Designation qualification.

Caroline Landry, Executive Director, Strategic Policy Development and Integration Directorate, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Caroline hails from Atlantic Canada and joined the federal public service in 2000 after a successful career in the regional economic development field. In 2008, she moved to Ottawa to join Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), Acquisitions Branch and has held various leadership roles in the Procurement Branch, including Regional Director, Senior Director, Account Executive and now currently is an Executive Director within the Strategic Policy Sector at PSPC. Caroline holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Keynote #30: Sharing My Story

Chantal Petitclerc, Paralympic Champion, World Record Holder / Sharing My Story.

Obstacles do not get in the way of Chantal Petitclerc. The epitome of determination, perseverance, and discipline, Chantal is the most successful wheelchair racer of all time, boasting multiple medals from all three of the world's top athletic competitions: The Olympic and Paralympic Games, the World Championships, and the Commonwealth Games. Canada's Lou Marsh Trophy winner for Athlete of the Year in 2008 and a Member of the Order of Canada, Chantal tells her incredible story to show others that challenges are simply a starting point for success.

At just 13 years old, Chantal lost the use of her legs following an accident. Four years later, she would discover wheelchair athletics, paving the way for a long and very successful career which would take her to the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992 and ultimately, to the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008. She retired after Beijing with a total of 21 medals — 14 of them gold — and 25 world records broken, making her the most celebrated track

athlete in history as well as the only Canadian athlete to have won gold medals at the Olympics, Paralympics, and Commonwealth Games.

In 2012, Chantal became coach and mentor of the UK track and field team at the London Paralympic Games. After her return to Canada, she was named Chef de Mission for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, and was the Chef de Mission for Canada's Paralympic Team in Rio in 2016. Now a commentator for the games on CBC and Radio-Canada, she remains active in the sport community.

She also participates in projects for many Paralympic athletics and sports organizations, in addition to working as a spokesperson for Défi Sportif and as an ambassador for Right to Play. In April 2016, she was appointed by Prime Minister Trudeau as a new independent member of the Senate, where she intends to help build a better Canada.

Concurrent Session #31: Accessible Procurement: Reducing Barriers

Michael Conway, Associate Director, Strategic Policy Sector, Acquisitions Program, Public Services and Procurement Canada.

Mike first joined PWGSC as a student in 2001 to support and deliver project management training for procurement officers, and he has remained within departments, except a two-year stint with Canada Mortgage and Housing, where he was instrumental in supporting the early work on the design and testing of Net Zero Housing.

Mike's roles at PSPC range from selling surplus movable assets such as RCMP vehicles and fighter jets, to extracting data on government spending and contracts to enable government procurement. more strategic, supplier engagement and removal of barriers for SMEs looking to do business with the Government of Canada, is now leading PSPC's procurement modernization efforts to achieve better socio-economic outcomes for Canadians, including greening, innovation and accessibility.

Concurrent Session #32: Advanced Technology Solutions for Supply Chain Management

Jérôme Thirion, Partner and National Leader, Supply Chain Management, KPMG Canada

Jérôme is leading the supply chain & procurement management consulting team at KPMG Canada, he is a permanent steering committee member of

the Global Center of Excellence. Prior to joining KPMG, Jérôme held supply chain management positions in the industry. He is helping his clients to digitize their operations, and to position the supply chain as a strategic lever for growth. As a trusted advisor to senior leadership, Jérôme takes a pragmatic approach to gain alignment and increase adoption of new practices from the within and the supplier community.

Carl Barrelet, Head of Data Science, KPMG Lighthouse Exponential

Carl is Head of Data Science at KPMG's Lighthouse in Toronto. Carl Barrelet gives his clients the most important tool for success: insights. With a PhD from Harvard University, Carl has employed analytics to drive business decisions and create new opportunities for clients. He focuses on Machine Learning (ML), Advanced Analytics (AA) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) with end-to-end deployment using cloud solutions.

Concurrent Session #33: Federal Procurement in Times of Crisis

Alexander Jeglic, Procurement Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Ombudsman

Mr. Alexander Jeglic has been named Procurement Ombudsman for a five-year term.

Alex is a lawyer by background and most recently served as General Counsel for Private-Public Partnerships Canada Inc., a federal Crown Corporation, where he was involved in the procurement processes for large infrastructure projects. He previously held positions of increased responsibility in the United States and Canada including at the Canadian Commercial Corporation as Senior Legal Counsel and the Australian Trade Commission as Business Development Manager and International Trade Advisor in Washington (DC). Throughout Alex's legal and professional career, he has focused primarily on procurement, contracting and dispute resolution which will serve him well as Procurement Ombudsman.

Alex graduated from Carleton University in Ottawa with a Bachelor of Arts (Law) with a concentration in Business Law in 2000. In 2001, he completed the Cornell Law School Paris Summer Institute program in international and comparative law and in 2003 completed a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in Chicago, Illinois with a certificate in International Law.

Alex has also been teaching procurement law at Carleton University (Ottawa) since 2010. Alex and his wife Shelley have four children.

David Rabinovitch, Deputy Procurement Ombudsman

Mr. Rabinovitch has been a member of the Federal Public Service since 1998, and has over 24 years of private and public sector experience leading and managing teams.

Prior to joining the public sector, he lived and worked in the Kansai region of Japan for 5 years, first teaching English as a second language, and then founding a small company that developed curriculum and provided training to Japanese business executives in preparation for overseas postings.

Upon returning to Canada, Mr. Rabinovitch obtained Civil and Common Law degrees from McGill University in Montréal, and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1998. Since joining the Federal Public Service, he has specialized in the areas of investment analysis, policy development, client service, financial management, strategic and business planning, and communications.

Mr. Rabinovitch previously worked at the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) as the Director of Communications and Corporate Management, prior to joining the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as Senior Director of National Portfolio Strategy. He rejoined OPO as Deputy Procurement Ombudsman in April 2017.

Concurrent Session #34: Contract Drafting: Performance Management

Maureen Sullivan, Director of Education, National Education Consulting Inc. After years as lead instructor and curriculum developer, Maureen assumed ownership of NECI in 2009. Under her visionary leadership, she catapulted NECI to become Canada's leader in providing engaging, interactive, online learning programs for procurement professionals. With hundreds of public sector graduates from all levels and jurisdictions in Canada and around the world, NECI's award-winning Public Sector Procurement Program (PSPP) has become the standard for beginner to high-intermediate level education. In October 2020 NECI changed its name to The Procurement School.

An experienced litigator, mediator and dispute-resolution practitioner, Maureen has an in-depth knowledge of both procurement law and contracting strategies that help organizations maximize the value received

from contracting. Renowned for her engaging teaching style, one of Maureen's many strengths is her ability to integrate legal concepts with business practices, making often-difficult concepts accessible and understandable for learners at all levels.

Concurrent Session #35: Ever Wonder Why Boilerplate Provisions are Important?

Marie-José Régimbal, Lawyer, Ambercrest Law

Marie-José (M-J) Régimbal has been a practicing lawyer for over 20 years. Her first five years were spent practicing commercial law with one of Canada's large national law firms. Following this she joined the Department of Justice where her practice focused mainly on procurement and contracting law, and the privatization and divestiture of government assets and responsibilities.

Procurement and Contracting

The breadth of Marie-José's experience in procurement law is without parallel. Her most recent role on Justice Canada's procurement team was as lead counsel for the Royal Canadian Navy's acquisition of a new fleet of warships to replace Canada's aging frigates. M-J spent two years shepherding this complicated \$60B transaction — one of Canada's largest and most complex procurements to date.

Prior to the acquisition of Canada's new warships, M-J had provided legal advice in respect of a number of multi-billion dollar defence procurements, including contracts in support of Canadian flight training services and facilities required by NATO countries whose geographical size is not sufficient for effective flight training. Marie-José has also provided strategic legal advice on other important Department of National Defence projects. This considerable experience in defence procurement has given M-J an extensive understanding of national security issues.

In addition to her experience in the world of defence procurement, M-J spent a considerable number of years providing legal advice to Elections Canada in connection with its commercial and procurement issues, including the acquisition of goods and services required for federal elections, and the leasing of office space for returning officers and facilities required for polling stations across Canada. This work involved the review and negotiation of many large contracts, including sole-source contracts for the provision of telecom services required by returning officers, and the

drafting of procurement documents for Elections Canada's first web-hosting contract. Marie-José's initiative in creating a robust institutional framework for procurement at Elections Canada, was recognized by the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman.

Privatization and Divestitures

Marie-José's experience while at the Department of Justice included providing legal advice in connection with the federal government's divestiture of significant assets and privatization of government operations that took place in the '90s. These divestitures and privatizations were implemented through a variety of legal structures, and resulted in the transfer of Canada's civil air navigation responsibilities to NAV Canada, establishment of the St-Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the St. Lawrence Seaway, and the winding-up of the Canada Ports Corporation which entailed the transfer of Canada's major operating ports to not-for-profit corporations, and many of its smaller ports to municipalities. More recently, M-J was lead counsel with respect to the restructuring of operational responsibility for Atomic Energy Canada Limited's nuclear facilities and programs, which was conducted and completed by way of an innovative, long-term procurement transaction.

Other Legal Experience

In providing advice to government clients on major procurement initiatives, and then subsequently providing legal support during the implementation of these initiatives, Marie-José gained a broad range of experience in the resolution of disputes arising which arose with respect to various topics, including intellectual property and licensing issues, and liability and insurance issues. M-J has also provided advice with respect to other aspects of commercial transactions, including performance guarantees, security-related instruments, matters relating to privacy law, and real property issues.

While at Treasury Board Legal Services, Marie-José provided advice to Treasury Board on various legal issues related to the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP), including fiduciary obligations, trust law, pension law, privacy law, insurance law, labour law, and provisions of relevant federal legislation such as the *Financial Administration Act* and the *User Fees Act*.

Concurrent Session #36: Update on Materiel Management Technical Competencies

Trevor Graham, Communities Management Officer, ASAS Community Management Office, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

With over ten years' experience interpreting procurement, materiel management and financial policies at the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Trevor has a very strong grasp on procurement and materiel management. He devotes his time at work to finding ways to support the materiel management and procurement communities and ensuring continued training during these virtual times.

Concurrent Session #37: Construction Procurement in an International Setting

Gabrielle Raina Rees, Procurement Manager, Real Property, Projects, Global Affairs Canada.

Gabrielle has worked in the field of procurement since 2012. She acquired experience in the procurement of goods, services, and construction while working at the Centre of Expertise for the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in the regional office located in Montreal, Quebec. She moved back to her hometown of Ottawa, Ontario, in order to pursue a one-year assignment as a Project Manager in the Engineering and Environmental Services division. After gaining insightful experience from a client's perspective, Gabrielle continued to chase her passion for construction and architectural & engineering contracts by joining Global Affairs Canada

Brent Hygaard, Procurement Specialist, Real Property, Projects, Global Affairs Canada.

Brent completed his education at the University of Victoria and then joined the Federal government in 2006 through the PWGSC Intern Officer Development Program. He joined GAC in 2008 and has remained there ever since. He worked with the Pension and Insurance team, Specialized Services team, and is currently a member of the Real Property Projects team.

Concurrent Session #38: Taking your Procurement Virtual

Steve Johnston, Managing Director, RFP Solutions, Inc.

Steve Johnston is the Managing Director of RFP Solutions Inc., specializing in providing procurement and fairness support to all levels of the public sector in Canada. Steve is a Fairness Specialist for Public Services and Procurement Canada's Fairness Monitoring Program.

In the last 5 years alone, he has provided Fairness Monitor and Advisory services to over 130 high profile public procurement projects, including a variety of infrastructure, capital equipment, complex services and solutions' acquisitions, across a variety of sectors; collectively valued at over \$22 Billion.

Prior to joining RFP solutions in 2010, Steve enjoyed a career in the Federal Public Service for more than 35 years. Steve is the former Corporate Secretary for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (now Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs). As a member of the department's Senior Executive Committee, he was responsible for providing executive support and planning to the Minister's and Deputy Minister's offices, as well as for the corporate management of the department's Access to Information and Privacy and Indian and Inuit Art Centre programs. Steve established the department's Centre for Integrity, Values and Conflict Resolution and served as Senior Integrity Officer. In this role, Steve was the Departmental liaison to the Procurement Ombudsman on fairness, and was also responsible for conducting investigations and reviews into procurement and fairness issues.

Prior to his appointment as Corporate Secretary, Steve served as INAC's Director of Administrative Services for nine years where he was responsible for a wide range of support services, including the management of the department's \$250 million plus annual procurement program and management of departmental assets and property. During this time, Steve was a very active member of the federal procurement and real property communities, serving on various interdepartmental fora. He was a member of CIPMM's Board of Directors for many years and served both as President for three (3) terms and as past president. He was also a founding member of the Real Property Institute of Canada. In 2012, Steve received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contributions to the Federal Public Service.

Cathryn Kallwitz, Director, Operations, RFP Solutions Inc.

Cathryn Kallwitz is RFP Solutions' Director, Operations, managing all aspects of our operations as well as leading the development of procurement process methodologies and standards. As a member of RFP Solutions' team, she provides strategic and transactional advice and assistance to clients in the planning, development and execution of complex strategies, risk assessments, RFx requirements, organizational asset management and procurement requirements and the design, development and implementation of qualitative and quantitative research strategies, information management and evaluation methodologies and document standards.

Drawing upon her experience from over 700 projects for over 130 federal departments, agencies, and crown corporations, provincial and territorial governments and MASH organizations, she and her team work to support both corporate administrative staff and program personnel within the client organization.

Cathryn is also responsible for the design and management of the development and operation of Setaside Solutions' C5 Expert® software-system which assists public sector organizations and Indigenous Nations in identifying procurement obligations under Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements.

Cathryn possesses over sixteen (16) years experience in the field of strategic procurement and asset/materiel management including extensive experience in the procurement of IM/IT goods and services, engineering and environmental services, capital construction projects, equipment and related goods and services, a wide-range of professional and operational services and process design and implementation for a variety of alternative service delivery, grants and contributions and related funding proposal processes.

Panel #39: A View from the Top - Panel of Senior Leaders from Procurement and Materiel Management - The future of Government post Covid

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Dominique Belanger, a/Director General, IPB Corporate Services Bureau, Global Affairs Canada.

Dominique has had a diverse and stimulating career. With a Bachelor of Commerce degree in accounting from the University of Ottawa, she has also completed the Certified Management Accounting program. She began her professional life at Loeb Inc., where she supervised the sourcing department, then took over the management of franchise contracts for IGA stores. After starting a family, Dominique devoted her expertise in finance and management to a family business until it was sold. With this experience, she entered the public service, and first held positions in the finance branch of Public Services and Procurement Canada and Global Affairs Canada. Dominique is now the Director General, Corporate Services, International Platform Sector at Global Affairs Canada. In this role, she leads procurement activities both at headquarters and abroad, diplomatic courier services, materiel management, logistics and distribution, strategic planning and information, financial management and administrative services of finance and human resources. For Dominique, it is the variety of

functions and the high level of responsibility that constitute the attractions of his position. Socially, Dominique has marked her career, and continues to contribute, by serving on the board of directors of charitable organizations.

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Lorenzo Ieraci, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Services Procurement Canada,

Lorenzo Ieraci is the acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Procurement Branch, at Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC).

Lorenzo's substantive position is as Director General for the Strategic Policy Sector at PSPC, a position he assumed in June 2020. Prior to that, he had been the Director General for the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises and Stakeholder Engagement (OSME-SE) at PSPC between April 2018 and June 2020.

Prior to joining PSPC, Lorenzo worked at the Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) for more than six years, including as Interim

Procurement Ombudsman (May 2016 to March 2018) and as Deputy Procurement Ombudsman (between January 2012 and April 2016).

Having joined the Federal Public Service in 1999, Lorenzo has held a number of positions in varied organizations. He began his career at Public Safety Canada and then worked extensively at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat as both a Senior Program Analyst and as the Manager of the Learning and Knowledge Management unit. Prior to joining OPO, Lorenzo had been a Senior Director in PSPC where he was responsible for managing a national team of criminal forensic accountants.

Lorenzo holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Public Administration from Concordia University, and obtained an Executive Certificate in Conflict Management from the University of Windsor's Faculty of Law.

Lorenzo is happily married with two children. His wife and children keep him grounded by, among other things, reminding him that he's "really not that funny". Lorenzo enjoys reading, doing non-strenuous exercises, and routinely losing to his children in videogames.

Judith Bennett, P.Eng., PMP, Director General, Materiel Systems and Supply Chain

Judith Bennett is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada with a degree in Civil Engineering. After completing military service, Judith joined the Public Service of Canada.

Judith currently serves as the Director General, Materiel Systems and Supply Chain; a multifaceted portfolio dedicated to meeting the high expectations of Canadian Armed Forces members and Canadians for sound and effective materiel planning and supply chain management.

Judith has spent her career in service of both defence and asset management interests of Canada. She has managed numerous complex files, such as the legacy of chemical and biological warfare agents in Canada, decommissioning military bases and stations, and on returning the former Camp Ipperwash to the Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation. Prior to her recent appointment, Judith was the Senior Director for a \$5-billion portfolio of seventeen (17) major engineering assets across the country,

such as bridges, dams, 835km of the Alaska Highway and the Esquimalt Graving Dock, an open-access, dry dock ship repair facility.

In this role, she managed a cross country team that delivered essential services to Canadians – by keeping Canada's assets safe and operational.

Judith also served as the Director, Implementation for the Carling Campus Project - a large-scale office accommodations project to transform National Defence Headquarters into today's modern, collaborative work environment.

Judith holds a Master's Degree in Complex Project Leadership from the University of Ottawa. She is certified as a Professional Engineer and Project Management Professional. She is married to Patrick Boisselle, and now drinks coffee thanks to her two enthusiastic children, ages 14 and 11. The family enjoys cottaging, outdoor life, and travel, often associated with competitive Irish dance.

Vincent Robitaille, DG, Centre of Excellence on Strategic Investments, Transport Canada

Past-President – Canadian Institute for Procurement and Materiel Management
(Volunteer)

Since 2018, Vincent Robitaille is Director General – Centre of Excellence on Strategic

Investments at Transport Canada. He leads a team responsible commercial policy elements of major investments, alternative financing arrangement and Covid19 measures in the transportation sector including the VIA Rail High Frequency Rail project and the Government response to Covid19 in the air sector.

From 2016 to 2019, Vincent served as President of the Canadian Institute for Procurement and Materiel Management. From 2015 to 2018, he held the positions of Executive Director - Central Agencies, Parliamentary Operations and Crown Corporations Directorate and Director General –

Procurement Modernization Integration Team at the Treasury Board of Canada

Secretariat. In these roles, he first led a team that provided advice to Treasury Board

Ministers on Crown Corporations, Shared Services Canada and Central Agencies and subsequently led a team that coordinated ambitious initiatives to modernize talent management in the field of procurement and streamline simple procurement.

From 2010 to 2015, he held executive positions at Public Services and Procurement

Canada, notably serving as Director General, Commercial and Alternative Acquisitions

Management Sector. He provided leadership for the acquisition of a wide range of goods and services with value exceeding \$15B ranging from vaccines to the construction of the new Champlain Bridge in Montreal. He previously held positions at the Public Health Agency of Canada and Global Affairs Canada.

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Stand-up Comedy Night with Graham Chittenden

Fresh and clean...but still relentlessly funny, Graham Chittenden is one of Canada's most exciting comedic performers. A familiar face at the Just For Laughs festival, on television and on the radio in programs such as Match Game and The Debaters, Graham has shared tours and stages with Howie Mandel, Andrea Martin, and Louie Anderson (to name just a few). And when it comes to corporate audiences, Graham never disappoints, boasting performances for clients ranging from the Foundation Fighting Blindness to the Ontario Home Builders Association.

Graham has appeared in numerous comedy specials, including his own award-nominated stand up show on The Comedy Network. Graham also spent time as a host of MTV Canada where he deliberated over current events and interviewed the likes of Aziz Ansari and Bill Burr.

Graham has written for The Debaters, The Genie Awards, and Mr. D on CBC and now travels extensively as a writer for the critically acclaimed CBC show Still Standing, a series that seeks out small towns with interesting origins and turns it all into stand-up comedy.