

Plenary Panel # 1: Opening FPT Plenary Panel: Indigenous Procurement Panel

Catherine Harwood, Assistant Deputy Minister, Highways and Public Works, Yukon Government

Ravinder Rakhra, Senior Director Procurement, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Kim Buksa, Manager, Supply Chain Management, Sustainable and Ethical Procurement, City of Vancouver

Erik Wanless, Executive Director, Procurement Transformation Office, Ministry of Citizens' Services

This panel will discuss how the different levels of government are addressing indigenous procurement and how it is becoming a greater priority and important policy lever to enhance indigenous economic development, benefits, social development and human rights.

Concurrent Session # 2: Materiel Management Lifecycle Planning – GCSurplus and End of Life Considerations

Julie Balantes, Regional Manager Pacific, GCSurplus, Receiver General and Pension Branch, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Materiel managers are often faced with questions on what to do with assets that are approaching or have reached end-of-life, particularly what to do if those items have a residual value. GCSurplus will provide you with an overview of asset lifecycle planning, with a focus on end of life considerations and the services their team provides to support asset divestiture. This presentation will not only discuss end of life consideration, but also future trends including policy directions and considerations that lead into the support GCSurplus provides including the ability to support asset transfer between federal departments and other levels of government.

Concurrent Session # 3: The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) digs deeper on “Low Dollar Value (LDV) Contracting” and “Dispute Resolution in Vendor Performance Management

Alexander Jeglic, Procurement Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Ombudsman
Chelsea Young, Senior Risk Advisor, Office of the Procurement Ombudsman

OPO is dedicated to advancing pertinent research on topics that matter to procurement practitioners. As such, in 2018, it launched its “Knowledge Deepening and Sharing” initiative. To date, OPO has completed reports on two topics. The first report looks at low dollar value (LDV) contracting across the federal government to identify key considerations when deciding whether to sole-source or compete LDV contracts. The second report examines the issue of dispute resolution in the context of vendor

performance management, and the types of appeal mechanisms that are available to vendors.

This session will introduce OPO's work in these areas and promote active dialogue through real life examples.

On LDV contracting, OPO will explore key risks driving the selection of a procurement method, as well as the cost of competitive solicitations to both government and suppliers. This session will highlight strategic considerations and provide practical guidance that buyers can apply to their decision-making in LDV contracting.

On Dispute Resolution in Vendor Performance Management, OPO will explore the current landscape across different levels of government in Canada, as well as the rationale for having a dispute resolution (i.e. appeal) mechanism in place. This session will highlight differences between one and two-level appeal processes, and the degree of deference to be accorded to the initial appeal authority.

Plenary Session # 4: National Ship Building Strategy

Randy Roberts, Director General, Large Ship Construction Sector, Marine Sector, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Following several failed procurements for major vessels during the early 2000s, it was clear that Canada needed a new way to do business.

In response, the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy (since renamed as the National Shipbuilding Strategy) was announced in 2010 as a mechanism to guide future procurement decisions within the shipbuilding and ship repair, refit and maintenance domain for the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Coast Guard.

This presentation will provide an overview of the National Shipbuilding Strategy and of its performance to date against its objectives.

Keynote Session #5: Premier Partner Lunch: Computers for Schools - Moving Forward

Krista Campbell, Director General, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, Computers for Schools Program

Computers for School Plus (CFS+) program helps extend the useful life of electronic equipment and provides it to those in need, reduce the environmental impact of electronic waste and offered practical work internships to young Canadians to help them develop advanced digital skills for the job market. Since its inception in 1993, the program has made 1.7 million computers accessible to schools, libraries, not-for-profit organizations and eligible low-income Canadians. It has also provided 7,000 young Canadians with market-relevant skills and experience in information and communications technology fields.

Federal department donations underpin the success of the CFS+ program. Unfortunately, donations across the federal family have gone down yet the need for devices has become increasingly more important to enable youth and vulnerable Canadians to participate in the digital economy.

This panel will provide information about the CFS+ program, its impact on communities across Canada and the Treasury Board (TB) Directive on Disposal of Surplus Material that provides renewed support for CFS+' first right of refusal to government devices. The CFS+ program provides government departments a secure method of offloading their surplus equipment while providing vulnerable Canadians with the means to have access to technology. In addition, the program ensures e-waste stewardship by disposing and handling e-waste above provincial standards and in the most environmentally and economically sound manner available, using reputable recyclers.

Discussion regarding the following points:

- Program expansion and continued need for donations;
- Program improvements and ISED taking on the risk of hard drives;
- Renewal of the Treasury Board policies and guidelines on Right of First Refusal;

Concurrent Session # 6: TBS Update on the Procurement HR Strategy Initiatives and Certification Program Renewal

Jessica Johnson, Director, ASAS Communities Management Office, Treasury Board Secretariat

Derek Bizewski, Certification Program Manager, Treasury Board Secretariat

The presentation would be split into 2 segments as follows:

Certification Program Update:

- Brief overview of existing program and findings of the recently completed Program Evaluation, including the recommendations.
- Update on the Certification Program Renewal efforts including: Core expectations of the new program, results of the RFI, new MM competencies and time lines.

HR Strategy:

- CPO Pilot Project
- Collective Staffing
- PG Classification Business Case (approvals pending)
- Updated Competency Strategy
- Post-secondary recruitment and partnership strategy

Concurrent Session # 7: How the Seized Property Management Directorate can assist in Managing Seized or Sensitive Assets held by Federal/Provincial Governments

Nils Juppe, Liaison Officer, Seized Property Management Directorate, Public Services and Procurement Canada

The management of seized or sensitive assets is at times delegated to the MM Division of a respective department. At times, resources, limited procedural knowledge and increased liability can negatively increase the workload and risk to a MM Division. SPMD was established in 1993 and its role and mandate is to manage the stewardship of these types of assets, allowing the organization to focus on their core mandate. The presentation will explain how SPMD can assist with logistics, storage, maintenance and disposal of various assets. It will explain our security parameters, the benefits of managing seized assets at arm's length, chain of custody procedure, the types of assets SPMD manages and how to engage our services. SPMD has a national presence and offers our services from coast to coast. The presentation will include a case study which will generate interest and allow for a better understanding of our service.

Concurrent Session # 8: Better Buying with the Canadian Collaborative Procurement Initiative

Sean Crossan, Director, FPT and International Relations, OSME, Procurement Branch, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Robert O'Neill, Executive Director, Procurement Services Branch, British Columbia Government

The Canadian Collaborative Procurement Initiative (CCPI) is an approach the Government of Canada has adopted to make some of its procurement instruments available for use by provinces, territories and members of the broader public sector. Both Pacific Region PTs (BC and the Yukon) are now participating in the CCPI; public sector organizations in each of these provinces are also eligible to participate in this initiative. Over the last year, CCPI participants in Atlantic Canada have purchased approximately \$4.5 million in goods through the CCPI. Participation in the CCPI therefore produces a number of benefits including:

- Creating economies of scale that results in more competitive pricing, terms and conditions;
- Using federal procurement instruments, rather than having to develop instruments in-house; and
- Streamlining the procurement approach for selected commodities.

The Province of British Columbia has been an enthusiastic supporter of the CCPI, and has made legislative and policy changes to take advantage of leveraging our joint public sector buying power. This presentation will therefore be co-presented with the Province of British Columbia.

Concurrent Session # 9: Accessible Procurement

Michael Conway, Associate Director, Strategic Policy Planning, Management and Interpretation, Public Services and Procurement Canada

The presentation will follow the following format:

- Disability context
- Overview of Accessible Canada Act and resulting changes to the Treasury Board Contracting Policy
- Highlight of what suppliers can expect to see going forward
- PSPC's strategy to incorporating accessibility into procurement
- Work done to date to advance accessibility objectives
- Accessible procurement video (6 min)

Plenary Session # 10: Agile and Innovation Procurement: A PSPC Perspective

Jonathan Vinet, Manager, Agile and Innovation, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Syed Hasan, Manager, Innovative Procurement Methodologies Division, STAMMs, Procurement Branch, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Guylaine Carrière, Director, Procurement Modernization, Shared Services Canada

- Present PSPC's definition of Agile Procurement
- What is Agile Procurement?
- Innovative Procurement Program
- Lessons learned
- Agile Risks and Risk Management
- Myths about Agile procurement
- Introduction of the Procurement Innovative Centre
- Role and Mission of the Procurement Innovative Centre. How it will be supporting client departments, the procurement community and agile initiatives
- Launch of the Agile Playbook, share key details of the playbook and how having a playbook can help Procurement Officers better understand the Agile Procurement process and its risk and challenges.