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What is Open Data ?

- Open Data is defined as structured data that is machine-readable, freely shared, used and re-used without restrictions.
 - Data sets released by the Government of Canada should be as accessible as possible, with accessibility defined as the ease with which information can be obtained (standard, non-proprietary).
 - Data sets released by the Government of Canada should be made available in widely-used file formats that easily lend themselves to machine processing (e.g. CSV, XML).
 - The Government of Canada releases datasets under the [Open Government Licence – Canada](#) agreement.
- To date, Canada has released over 200,000 datasets, including core datasets that support good governance and transparency.



download a resource for a particular dataset.

Number of Downloads



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Top 25 Downloaded Datasets

These are the top 25 downloaded datasets for the month of November, 2015.

Title	Department	Number of Downloads
National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2011	Statistics Canada	268
Government of Canada Employee Contact Information	Shared Services Canada	135
Fuel Consumption Ratings	Natural Resources Canada	75
Permanent Resident Visa Applications Received Abroad	Citizenship and Immigration Canada	64
Financial Performance Data 2013	Industry Canada	63
Tender Notices	Public Works and Government Services Canada	53
Soldiers of the First World War - CEF	Library and Archives Canada	37
Contract History	Public Works and Government Services Canada	35
Permanent Resident Applications Processed Abroad and Processing Times	Citizenship and Immigration Canada	35

Open Government Portal

(open.canada.ca)

Tenders and Contracts datasets in the Top 25 !

GC-wide Open Data Strategy - Evolution

Open Government Partnership



Promoting transparency, empowering citizens, fighting corruption and harnessing new technologies to strengthen governance.

- *Apr 2012:* Canada joins the [Open Government Partnership](#), announcing its commitment to an open government initiative along three main streams: open information, open data, and open dialogue.
- *Oct 2012:* [Canada's First Action Plan on Open Government \(2012 – 2013\)](#) is released.
- *Feb. 2013:* TBS starts an annual national event, the Canadian Open Data Experience (CODE), to promote access to the government's free data.
- *June 2013:* Canada adopts the [G8 Open Data Charter](#) and its Canadian implementation resulted in the [G8 Open Data Charter – Canada's action plan](#).
- *Oct. 2014:* [Canada's Second Action Plan on Open Government \(2014 – 2016\)](#) is released, and it includes commitments to public procurement and **Open Contracting**.
 - **PWGSC** to **pilot the Open Contracting on Buyandsell.gc.ca**. The pilot will disclose PWGSC contracts and procurement data to the public via a simple and standard format.
- *Nov 2015:* The Liberal Party of Canada Platform promises “to amend the Access to Information Act so that **all** government data and information is made open by default in machine-readable, digital formats.”



Open Data on Buyandsell.gc.ca

- As early as 2012, Buyandsell.gc.ca was the first GC web service to make previously inaccessible procurement information available as open data, free of charge and available for republishing
- Today, Buyandsell.gc.ca is the authoritative source for the following open datasets:
 - Tenders and Awards: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tenders/download-tenders-data>
 - Standing offers and supply arrangements: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/standing-offers-and-supply-arrangements/download-sosa-data>
 - Contract history: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/contract-history/download-contract-history-data>
 - Goods and Services Identification Number(GSIN) commodity set <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/goods-and-services-identification-number/download-gsin-data>
 - United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC) commodity set <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/unspsc/download-unspsc>
- In the roadmap: to release more open datasets, to capture stakeholders' feedback and interest in new open datasets

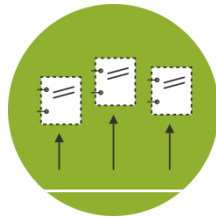


Open Contracting Pilot, on Buyandsell.gc.ca

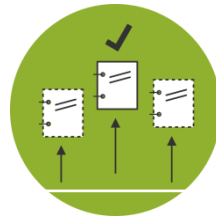
- **Commitment:** To pilot the usage of the Open Contracting Data Standard, on Buyandsell.gc.ca, by linking the phases of the procurement process using data from procurements conducted by PWGSC.
- The [Open Contracting Data Standard](#) is an open standard for sharing structured information on all stages of the contracting process.



Planning



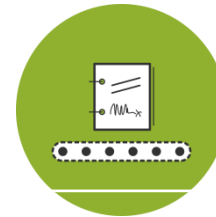
Tender



Award



Contract



Implementation

- **Game changer !** Most information across every stage of the public contracting pipeline to be made publicly available. Canada to lead this work internationally.
- **GC-wide Final Vision:** Upon the completion of the Pilot, TBS intends to make “Open Contracting” the de-facto contracting standard in the federal government following Buyandsell.gc.ca results.

Open Contracting Pilot, on Buyandsell.gc.ca (cont.)

- What has been accomplished:
 - 2014: Buyandsell.gc.ca worked with the World Wide Web (WWW) foundation and the World Bank to define the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS)
 - 2015: Buyandsell.gc.ca provided an initial showcase of the new OCDS using PWGSC procurement data:
<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/open-contracting-data-standard-pilot/download-ocds-pilot-data>
 - **May 2015: Third International Open Data Conference:** Buyandsell.gc.ca invited to present the initial release of the Open Contracting Pilot.
 - **2015: Canada is the first government in the world** to provide high-quality open procurement data that complies with the Open Contracting Data Standard.
- In the roadmap:
 - To complete on the data requirements, by incorporating Spend and Requisition data into the OCDS format.



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