



Social Procurement: Why, What, and How

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- Social Isolation
- Employment Challenges
- Immigration Transitions
- Homelessness
- Skills Gaps



Canadian Governments Spend Billions of Dollars through Procurement

Federal Government Spending:

- \$18-20 Billion in goods and services annually
- \$180 Billion in infrastructure over next ten years





SOCIAL PROCUREMENT: Leverages a social value from existing procurement







Why Social Procurement? When we focus on 'best value for money' procurement is much more than a financial transaction;

Procurement becomes a tool for building healthy communities.



Healthy Communities Build Community Capital







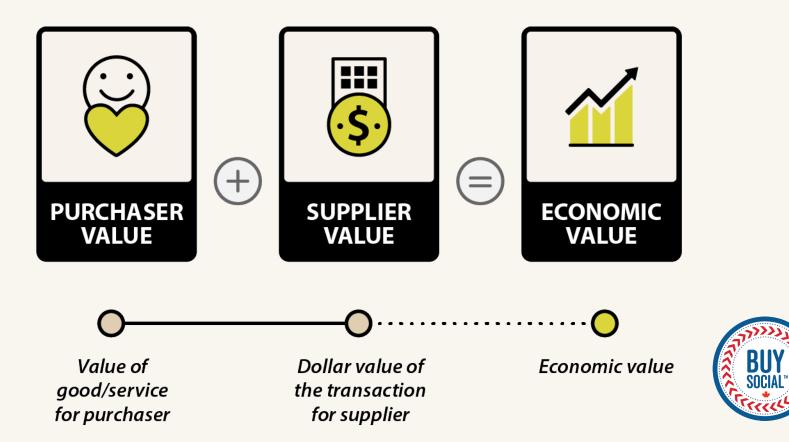
COMMUNITY CAPITAL OPTIONS

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- Employment Opportunities
- Healthy Workforce
- Small/Social Enterprises
- Sustainability
- Lifelong Learning
- Inclusivity
- Community Resources
- Culture
- Diversity



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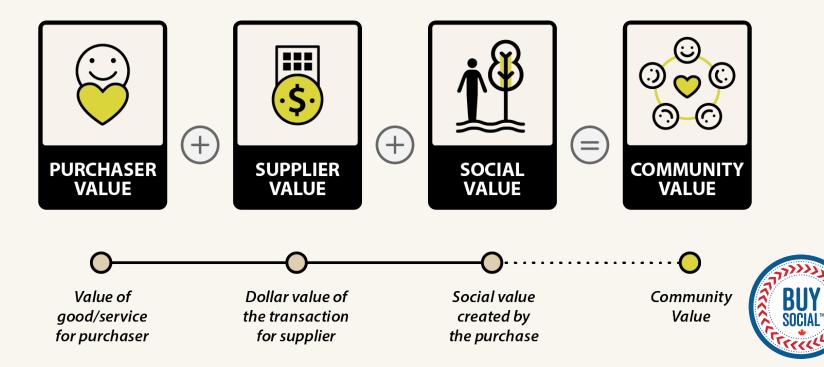
"Encouraging a shift towards procurement based on achieving multiple outcomes in addition to maximizing financial value."



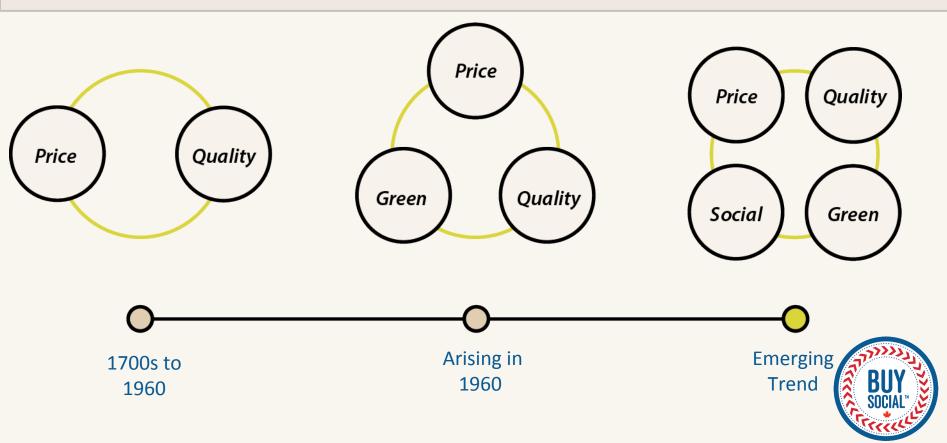


What is **Social Procurement?**

Adding a social value to existing purchasing



The Evolution of Procurement



Is it Legal?

What about Trade Agreements?

Yes, but...

Trade agreements may apply, and require parameters for language:

✓ You cannot restrict competition, but you can require community outcomes from all bidders.

✓ Trade agreements have exceptions for contracting with non-profits

✓ Trade agreements have financial thresholds



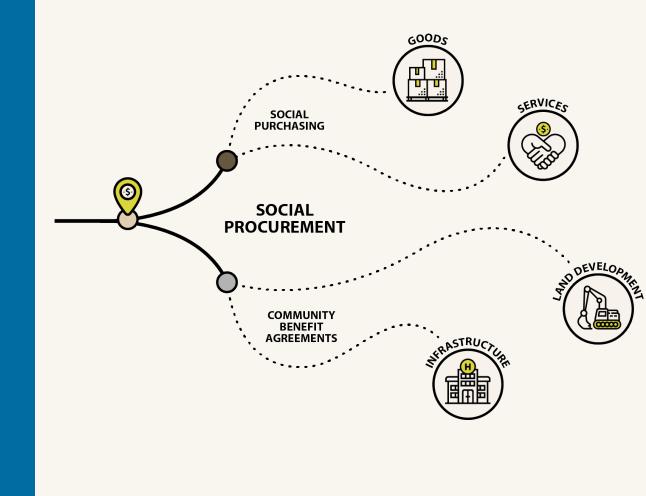
Social Procurement Options

"Social procurement combines the instrumental activity of procurement with the **strategic intent** of generating social value."

J. Barraket



Social Procurement Pathways



Sample Measurable Outcomes

of SEs or SMEs which have received contracts (Tier 1) or sub-contracts (Tier 2, 3, 4)

of barriered or targeted individuals hired by the SEs or SMEs related to the contracts

Total \$ value of the contracts awarded to SEs or SMEs

of suppliers which have employed barriered individuals

of apprentices hired through suppliers

of contracts awarded to First Nation's or other diverse suppliers

\$ value of local materials or services used in contracts

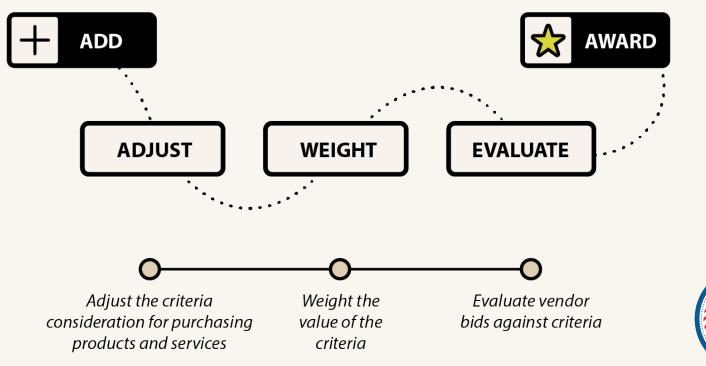
Total # of hours provided for employment and skills training

Other Community Benefits or Contributions

Social Purchasing of Goods and Services

Add a social value consideration to existing purchases

Award contracts and measure outcomes



Examples of Possible Social Procurement Weighting

Criteria	Price	Quality	Environment	Social
Building Maintenance	20%	30%	20%	30%
Landscaping	20	20	30	30
Vehicles	35	35	20	10
Road Construction	30	35	15	20

Manitoba Housing Case Study

Non-Profit Direct Award: Trade Agreement Exception

'Handshake deals' for energy retrofits for social housing units Set aside work components on social housing unit turnover renovations Relationships are formalized through an MOU and direct awarding begins Evaluation finds for every \$1 procured, \$2.23 of social and economic value is created Ottawa Community Housing Case Study

Pilot Followed by Social Value in RFP OCH initiates a 3-year pilot project with GNG using discretionary funding

Over 3 years, the pilot increases from \$56,000 to \$100,000 in funding

OCH includes social value in competitive bid evaluation

GNG wins a competitive contract valued at \$1.5 million.



RFP Language to Promote Socially Responsible Practices Under Sustainability Goals

Descriptive but not Prescriptive Considerations:

Socially Responsible Practices

Social Enterprise: Providing opportunities to Aboriginals, individuals with barriers to employment and Non-Profit entities

Community Benefit: Consideration to small & medium businesses, local labour forces and suppliers with strong community involvement

Apprenticeship & Training: Consideration to suppliers with targeted recruitment and training programs, providing employment to new entrants

Innovation: Suppliers who have developed new, innovative and value added methods/products.



Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs)

For Infrastructure and Major Development Projects

Stakeholder Engagement

Opportunity Assessment

- Design Phase
- Construction Phase
 - Operation Phase

Implementation

Evaluation Reporting

Private Development: Parq Casino Example

Using Municipal Regulatory Permit Process and Requirements

Requirement: Social Value Outcomes

Employment: 10% of all employees reside in inner city

Local Purchasing: 10% of all purchasing in inner city



Public Development: Port Renewal Example

Using Social Value in the RFP Requirements

Requirement: Community Social Value Outcomes

Does not 'exclude' any bids

Not prescriptive but bid evaluation includes social value 'points'



Federal Infrastructure Requirements

Projects with Federal contribution over agreed to thresholds (\$10 million or \$25 million) are required to have a community employment benefits of the target groups: apprentices, Indigenous peoples, women, persons with disabilities, veterans, youth, new Canadians, or small-medium-sized enterprises and social enterprises



Bill C-344: Community Benefits

Currently In Senate Process

Definition of *community benefit* **20.1** (1) For the purposes of this section, *community benefit* means a social, economic or environmental benefit that a community derives from a construction, maintenance or repair project, and includes job creation and training opportunities, improvement of public space and any other specific benefit identified by the community.



City of Vancouver CBA Policy

Every development over 500,000 sq. ft requires:

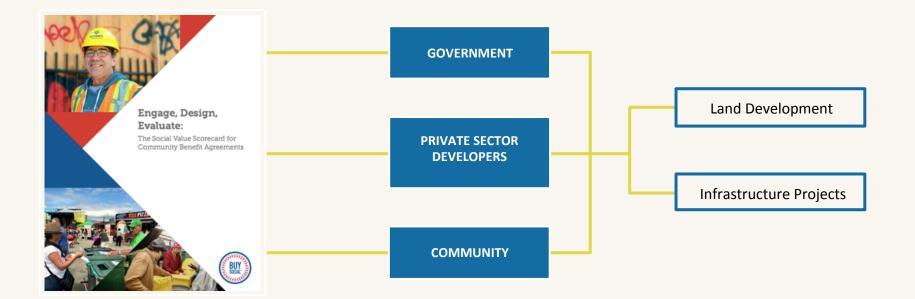
• Local employment

Local procurement

From construction through the entire life of the building

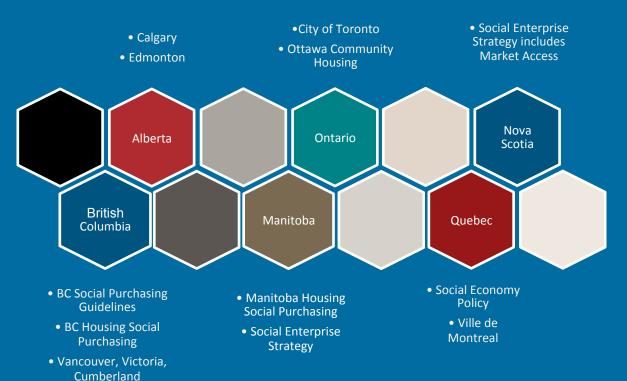


THE CBA SCORECARD: WHO/WHAT IS IT FOR?





Emerging Policies and Practices



Municipal Initiatives Across Canada

Edmonton:

Social procurement to meet the goals of EndPovertyEdmonton

Calgary:

Social procurement to enhance local economy through opportunities for social enterprises and SME's

Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative: Mainly rural collaborative community economic development effort

Toronto:

Crosslinx CBA for labour development and social enterprise contracts





Key Barriers

Risk <u>and</u> Opportunity Analysis Silos in Government and Organizational Programs

Disconnect between Purpose and Purchasing Policy Framework – Real and Perceived

Internal PoliciesTrade Agreements

Current Priorities and Practices

Budget 'Only' Focus



Next Steps and Solutions



Framework



Systems and Integration across Ministries and Programs



Community Capital Outcomes Approach to Procurement



Leadership, Training and Collaboration



Measure Impact

Social Procurement Assessment Process

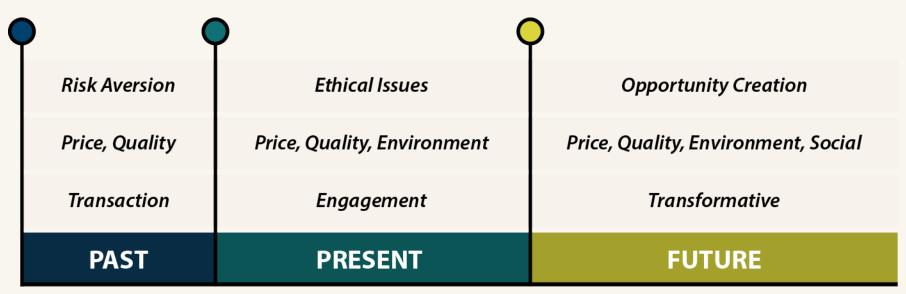
- Clarify your mission and goals
- Identify what you purchase
- Identify your barriers and opportunities for implementation
- Adjust RFX and desired supplier delivery outcomes
- Measure and improve

Social Procurement

"A trend towards recognizing that procurement has a strategic, as well as operational, function to play in new governance regimes."



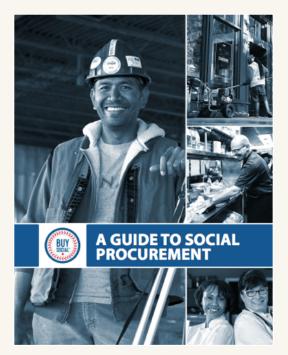
Trends in Procurement





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A Guide to Social Procurement



The Social Value Scorecard for **Community Benefit Agreements**





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