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PROCUREMENT

Policy

The Agency is committed to ensuring maximum value is received in the use of public funds. Publicly funded goods and services are acquired through a process that is open, fair and transparent. Through its procedures, the Agency complies with the 25 mandatory requirements set forth in the Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive.

<https://www.doingbusiness.mgs.gov.on.ca/mbs/psb/psb.nsf/EN/bps-procurementdirective>

Purpose

To maximize value for money in the acquisition of goods and services through a process that is open, fair and transparent.

Definitions

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| Goods and Services | All goods and services including construction, consulting services and information technology. |
| Procurement | Acquisition by any means, including by purchase, rental, lease or condition sale, of goods, services or construction. |

Supply Chain Code of Ethics

The Agency has formally adopted the Ontario Broader Public Sector Supply Chain Code of Ethics.

Ontario Broader Public Sector Supply Chain Code of Ethics

Goal: To ensure an ethical, professional and accountable BPS supply chain.

1. Personal Integrity and Professionalism

All individuals involved with purchasing or other supply chain-related activities must act, and be seen to act, with integrity and professionalism. Honesty, care and due diligence must be integral to all supply chain activities within and between BPS organizations, suppliers and other stakeholders. Respect must be demonstrated for each other and for the environment. Confidential information must be safeguarded. All participants must not engage in any activity that may create, or appear to create, a conflict of interest, such as accepting gifts or favours, providing preferential treatment, or publicly endorsing suppliers or products.

2. Accountability and Transparency

Supply chain activities must be open and accountable. In particular, contracting and purchasing activities must be fair, transparent and conducted with a view to obtaining the best value for public money. All participants must ensure that public sector resources are used in a responsible, efficient and effective manner.

3. Compliance and Continuous Improvement

All individuals involved in purchasing or other supply chain-related activities must comply with this Code of Ethics and the laws of Canada and Ontario. All individuals should continuously work to improve supply chain policies and procedures, to improve their supply chain knowledge and skill levels, and to share leading practices.