

Small Business Procurement - bullets

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Hi Helen,

For the SoC meeting at 11:30 am on small business procurement, here are some bullets on the government's procurement policy. I've also attached the Cabinet deck that was presented last week.

- The Ontario government's procurement policies support doing business with small and medium-sized businesses in Ontario.
 - Ontario's procurement policy framework promotes value for money by requiring the use of competitive processes that are open, fair and transparent.
 - Our policy framework upholds clear and transparent accountability for public funds by setting out rules that guide the procurement process and management of government contracts.
 - Ontario's procurement process is open to all qualified vendors, including small and medium businesses.
- MEDG, MRIS, MGCS, MIT and TBS continue to work together to make it easier for businesses to grow and create more jobs.
- The government is committed to helping vendors, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), to navigate the procurement process and have access to procurement opportunities with outreach and supports that include:
 - MGCS holding seminars, education and awareness sessions and the annual reverse trade show;
 - MGCS facilitating business for vendors and public sector buyers on the Doing Business with Ontario website; and,
 - MEDG providing innovative and social enterprise activities, including grant and seed funding, and testing innovative goods and services before commercialization.
- TBS supports MGCS (Supply Chain Ontario's) lead in implementing the SME procurement strategy as approved by Cabinet on October 25, 2017. These items can be implemented within the existing procurement policy framework.

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