

PSCIOC IT PROCUREMENT WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 24-25, 2016 PSCIOC MEETING

IT Procurement Working Group Overview

In February 2010, PSCIOC endorsed the creation of a working group to explore potential opportunities for inter-jurisdictional cooperation and collaboration for IT procurement.

Mandate

The mandate as described in the Terms of Reference is to assess opportunities for the Government of Canada, and Canadian provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, to leverage existing and/or newly created I&IT agreements to the benefit of all participating governments and their citizenry.

The intent of this collaborative effort is to take advantage of the collective spending power and influence of the federal, provincial and territorial and municipal governments to drive better procurement deals that will:

- reduce prices;
- provide contractual terms and conditions that strike the right balance between protection for citizens and commercial reasonableness;
- reduce administrative costs for governments by reducing duplication of effort across jurisdictions; and,
- reduce the propensity of I&IT vendors to treat Canadian jurisdictions differently.

The initial Terms of Reference were reviewed in February 2015 and remain unchanged.

Update as of January 25, 2016

The Working Group met on November 5th and entertained a presentation from the Government of BC and HP on the Enterprise Hosting Agreement and Cloud Services. The Agreement duly contemplates public sector participation and ability to enter into direct agreement with HPAS for services.

The Working Group members received an update from Levent Özmutlu, Senior Director, Informatics and Telecommunications Services Procurement Directorate, PWSCG on the transition of the responsibility for acquisition and delivery of common IT goods and services to Shared Services Canada (SSC). SSC received OIC approval in July 2015 to permit other public sector jurisdictions usage of their procurement instruments. SSC is ramping up its service delivery to the Government of Canada. While they are interested in the progress with respect to multi-jurisdictional procurement opportunities, this is not an area in which they are able to contribute in the short-term. SSC's mandate covers goods and services related to: email services, data centres, networks, and end-user information technology including enabling software for those business lines. SSC is responsible for defining the specific goods and services that fall under the four broad categories. Below are some examples of the types of good and services that are under the mandate of SSC: email; data centres; networks, end-user IT. On Sep 1, 2015, the following PWGSC standing offers and supply arrangements were transferred to SSC:

1. Mass Storage Systems and Storage Area Network (SAN) Standing Offer
2. Microcomputers Standing Offer
3. Video conferencing Standing Offer
4. Document Scanners Standing Offer

5. Imaging Hardware Standing Offer
6. Managed Print Services Supply Arrangement
7. Network Equipment Support Services (NESS) Standing Offer
8. Network Infrastructure Management Services (NIMS) Standing Offer
9. Vehicle Mounted Mobile Work Station Standing Offer

The Working Group members were asked to prioritize the standing offers and supply arrangements listed above in the hopes of being able to influence the order in which they are renewed for all jurisdictions to leverage.

Sean Crossan, Director Federal, Provincial and International Relations, Office of Small and Medium Enterprises and Strategic Engagement attended the meeting and gave the members an overview of the Federal Provincial Territorial Collaboration Project which is currently discussing 6 commodities with the hopes that office supplies will be the first proof of concept.

Next Meeting and Proposed Agenda

Mary McKay, Director, Procurement Policy, SSC has been invited to the next Working Group meeting being planned for late February pending her availability. The agenda will include discussion on the SSC IT procurement instruments that we can all leverage.

Respectfully submitted,
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