

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

New Procurement Tool for Translation Bureau Conference Interpretation Services

Public Works and Government Services Canada's (PWGSC) Acquisitions Branch (AB) and the Translation Bureau (the Bureau) would like to develop a new procurement tool for the Bureau's conference interpretation services.

The implementation of a new procurement tool is part of an extensive transformation initiative by the Translation Bureau aiming to simplify and improve its procurement processes and its client service.

In order to develop a satisfactory procurement tool to meet the Bureau's needs, PWGSC will be undertaking an extensive consultation process.

In 2014 and 2015, the AB and the Bureau will be organizing various engagement activities. These activities will provide opportunities for suppliers, professional associations and universities with interpretation programs to express their views about the new procurement tool. All stakeholders will be asked to submit comments and recommendations using communications tools made available to them and to actively participate in various engagement activities.

The AB and the Bureau are thus seeking relevant recommendations for the purpose of developing an effective procurement tool that is tailored to the Bureau's conference interpretation service requirements.

The following table shows the main engagement activities.

Engagement activities	Approximate dates
Information webinar	Fall 2014
Initial meetings with the industry	Winter 2015
Posting of the first draft version* of the procurement tool and the related online questionnaire	Spring 2015
Focus groups	Spring 2015
Posting of the second draft version* of the procurement tool	Summer 2015
Implementation of the procurement tool	Fall 2015

**Please note that stakeholders can submit their comments and suggestions during the posting periods of the draft versions of the procurement tool.*

By having open and transparent discussions with the industry, the AB and the Bureau intend to develop an effective procurement tool that will help the Bureau standardize and enhance its contracting practices and increase productivity.

For suppliers, implementation of the new procurement tool will make contracting easier and will strengthen the principles of transparency and fairness.

Ultimately, the purpose of this coordinated procurement approach is to improve service delivery to our partners, to our clients and to Canadians, and to ensure best value for the government.

To keep abreast of proposed activities, please visit the Buyandsell.gc.ca site frequently.

If you have any questions or comments about engagement activities, please email them to Eric Labelle at TPSGC.OutilInterpretation-ToolInterpretation.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

Thank you for your interest in this process. I hope that many of you will participate in the engagement activities.

Sincerely,

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