

# **Integrity Declaration Form**

An Integrity Declaration Form must be submitted **only** when:

- 1. the supplier, one of its affiliates<sup>1</sup> or a proposed first-tier subcontractor<sup>2</sup> has been charged with or convicted of a criminal offence in a country other than Canada that, to the best of the supplier's knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the *Ineligibility and Suspension Policy* (the "Policy"); and/or
- 2. the supplier is unable to provide any of the certifications required by the <u>Integrity</u> <u>Clauses</u>.

## **Instructions for Submitting an Integrity Declaration Form**

 Please complete the Integrity Declaration Form by providing the information requested in the table, below. Put the completed Form in a sealed envelope labeled, "Protected B." and addressed to:

Integrity, Departmental Oversight Branch
Public Works and Government Services Canada
11 Laurier Street, Place du Portage, Phase III, Tower A, 10A1 – room 105
Gatineau (Québec), Canada K1A 0S5

2. Include the sealed envelope with your bid submission, offer or lease.

#### **SECTION 1: SUPPLIER INFORMATION**

Supplier's legal name:	
Supplier's address:	
Supplier's procurement business	
number (PBN):	
Lease or solicitation number:	
Date of bid, offer submission date	
or closing date of Invitation to Offer:	
(YYYY-MM-DD)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The term "first-tier subcontractor" is defined in section 16(a) of the Policy. A proposed first-tier subcontractor is a first-tier subcontractor that is identified by name in a bid submission, offer, lease, etc. by a supplier in a procurement process or real property transaction.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to the Policy for the definition of affiliate. An affiliate of a business entity includes persons, such as the senior officers of the business entity, and associated entities such as parent companies and subsidiaries.



#### **SECTION 2: FOREIGN CRIMINAL OFFENCES**

If applicable, please provide a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to yourself, your affiliates and your proposed first-tier subcontractors that, to the best of your knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the domestic criminal offences listed in the Policy.

If there is more than one potentially similar foreign charge or conviction, please identify all additional charges and convictions, including the information below, in a separate document under the heading <u>Foreign Criminal Offences</u>, to be included with this Form.

Name of party with charge or conviction	
Relationship of party to supplier	
Foreign country and jurisdiction where	
charge/conviction occurred	
Specify whether charge or conviction	
Section number and law under which	
charge/conviction occurred	
Date of charge/conviction (YYYY-MM-	
DD)	
Domestic offence that may be similar	
Additional Comments:	

Additional charges/convictions are identified in a separate document included with this Form: Yes  $\ \square$  No  $\ \square$ 

## **SECTION 3: INABILITY TO PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE**

# A. INABILITY TO CERTIFY AS TO FOREIGN CRIMINAL CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS

If you are unable to certify that you have provided the required list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions, you must explain why. The explanation should be provided in a separate document under the heading <u>Inability to Certify as to Foreign Criminal Charges</u>





<u>and Convictions</u>, to be included with this Form. PWGSC may request additional information from you.

An explanation regarding foreign criminal charges and convictions is provided in a separate document included with this Form: Yes  $\ \square$  No  $\ \square$ 

# B. INABILITY TO CERTIFY AS TO DOMESTIC CRIMINAL OFFENCES AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

If a criminal offence or other circumstance described in the Policy applies to you, one of your affiliates or a proposed first-tier subcontractor, you must identify that offence or circumstance, below. By marking a box beside an offence, you are acknowledging that the identified party, be it you, an affiliate or a first-tier subcontractor, has been charged with, convicted of or pleaded guilty to, that offence. In the row titled Comments, you must identify the affected party by name and specify how the particular offence you have identified applies to the named party.

Offence		Supplier	Affiliate	Subcontractor
Financia	al Administration Act			
80(1)(d):	False entry, certificate or return			
80(2):	Fraud against Her Majesty			
154.01:	Fraud against Her Majesty			
Crimina	I Code			
121:	Frauds on the government and			
	contractor subscribing to election fund			
124:	Selling or purchasing office			
380:	Fraud – committed against Her			
	Majesty			
418:	Selling defective stores to Her Majesty			
Crimina				
119:	Bribery of judicial officers			
120:	Bribery of officers			
346:	Extortion			
367:	Punishment for forgery			
368:	Use, trafficking or possession of a			
	forged document			
382:	Fraudulent manipulation of stock			
	exchange transactions			
382.1:	Prohibited insider trading			
397:	Falsification of books and documents			
422:	Criminal breach of contract			
426:	Secret commissions			



<b>Excise</b> 327:	Tax Act False or deceptive statements		
<b>Income</b> 239:	Tax Act False or deceptive statements		
5: 7:	tion of Lobbyists Consultant Lobbyists In-house Lobbyists (Corporations and Organizations)		
<b>Control</b> 5: 6: 7:	Ied Drugs and Substances Act Trafficking in substance Importing and exporting Production of substance		
Corruption 3: 4: 5:	On of Foreign Public Officials Act Bribing a foreign public official Accounting Offence committed outside Canada		
52: 53:	False or misleading representation Deceptive notice of winning a prize		
46: 47: 49:	Foreign directives Bid rigging Agreements or arrangements of federal financial institutions		
45:	Conspiracies, agreements or arrangements between competitors		
467.13:	organization Instructing commission of offence for criminal organization		
467.12:	organization Commission of offence for criminal		
467.11:	Laundering proceeds of crime Participation in activities of criminal		



Comments:		
C. INABILITY TO CERTIFY AS TO A DETERMINATION OF INELIGIBILITY OR SUSPENSION		
f you are aware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension with respect to yourself one of your affiliates or a proposed first-tier subcontractor, you should explain the circumstances of your participation in the competitive process. With respect to an neligible or suspended subcontractor, then you should include a copy of the written consent to propose the ineligible or suspended subcontractor.		
f you are otherwise unable to certify that you are unaware of a determination of neligibility or suspension with respect to yourself, one of your affiliates or a proposed irst-tier subcontractor you must explain why.		
All required explanations should be provided in a separate document under the heading nability to Certify as to a Determination of Ineligibility or Suspension, to be included wit his Form. PWGSC may request additional information from the supplier.		
An explanation regarding a determination of ineligibility or suspension is provided in a separate document included with this Form: Yes $\ \square$ No $\ \square$		
Declaration		
, (name), (position), of (supplier's name) declare that the information provided in this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that a false or misleading certification or declaration will result in my proposal or offer being deemed non-responsive. I am also aware that Canada may terminate a contract or real property agreement for default when a supplier has provided a false or misleading certification or declaration and, further to the Policy, the supplier will be neligible for award of a contract or real property agreement for 10 years.		
Signature		





## **With Thanks**

We appreciate your interest in doing business with the Government of Canada and your understanding of the additional steps that must be taken to protect the integrity of Canada's procurement and real property processes.





#### **Guidance Document for the Declaration Form**

This Integrity Declaration Form (the "Form") is for use by bidders in procurement processes and by vendors, purchasers, tenants and lessors in real property transactions. In this Form, the term "supplier" includes bidders, vendors, purchasers, tenants and lessors. The term "party" is used in this Form to include suppliers, affiliates and first-tier subcontractors.

The Integrity Clauses contained in instruments involved in procurement processes and real property transactions (the "Integrity Clauses") require a supplier to submit an Integrity Declaration Form in two circumstances:

- 1. when the supplier, one of its affiliates<sup>3</sup> or a proposed first-tier subcontractor<sup>4</sup> has been charged with or convicted of a criminal offence in a country other than Canada that, to the best of the supplier's knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the listed offences in the *Ineligibility and Suspension Policy* (the "Policy"); and
- 2. when the supplier is unable to provide any of the certifications required by the Integrity Clauses.

An Integrity Declaration Form must be submitted only when one or both of these circumstances apply to the supplier. When no Form is submitted, it will be understood to mean that neither of these two circumstances apply to the supplier.

A supplier that provides a false or misleading certification or declaration will have its proposal or offer deemed non-responsive. Canada may also terminate a contract or real property agreement for default in such circumstances. Moreover, further to the Policy, a supplier will be ineligible for award of a contract or real property agreement for 10 years.

#### 1. Foreign Criminal Offences

The Policy provides, among other things, that a supplier may be ineligible for award of a contract or real property agreement when the supplier or one of its affiliates has been convicted of an offence listed in the Policy or of a similar offence in a foreign jurisdiction. The Integrity Clauses require a supplier to provide a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first-tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the domestic criminal offences listed in the Policy. The domestic offences listed in the Policy, including their section numbers, are identified in section B of this form, under the heading Inability to Certify as to Domestic Criminal Offences and Other Circumstances. PWGSC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The term "first-tier subcontractor" is defined in section 16(a) of the Policy. A proposed first-tier subcontractor is a first-tier subcontractor that is identified by name in a bid submission, offer, lease, etc. by a supplier in a procurement process or real property transaction.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please refer to the Policy for the definition of affiliate. An affiliate of a business entity includes persons, such as the senior officers of the business entity, and associated entities such as parent companies and subsidiaries.



determines whether a foreign offence and an offence listed in the Policy are similar. PWGSC may seek additional information from a supplier for purposes of making this determination.

If there is more than one potentially similar foreign charge or conviction, please identify all additional charges and convictions, including all necessary information, in a separate document under the heading Foreign Criminal Offences, to be included with this Form.

### 2. Inability to Provide a Certificate

The Integrity Clauses provide that, by submitting a bid or offer, a supplier is certifying to the truth of six statements. Generally speaking, a supplier is certifying that:

- it has read and understands the Policy, including that it may be declared ineligible to enter into a contract or real property agreement with Canada in certain circumstances:
- none of those circumstances that will or may result in the supplier being ineligible to enter, or suspended from entering, a contract or real property agreement apply to it; and
- it has provide a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first-tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the domestic offences listed in the Policy.

When a supplier is unable to provide any of the six certifications required by the Integrity Clauses, it must complete and submit this Form with its bid or offer.

# A. Inability to Certify as to Foreign Criminal Charges and Convictions

As noted above, the Integrity Clauses require a supplier to provide a complete list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions pertaining to itself, its affiliates and its proposed first-tier subcontractors that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, may be similar to one of the domestic criminal offences listed in the Policy. The complete list of foreign criminal charges and convictions, if any, must be submitted using this Form. By submitting a bid or offer, a supplier is certifying that it has provided a complete list of all such foreign criminal charges and convictions, if any.

If a supplier is unable to certify that it has provided the required list of all foreign criminal charges and convictions, it must explain why. The explanation should be provided in a separate document under the heading Inability to Certify as to Foreign Criminal Charges and Convictions, to be included with this Form. PWGSC may request additional information from the supplier.





### B. Inability to Certify as to Domestic Criminal Offences and Other Circumstances

The Integrity Clauses require a supplier to certify that none of the domestic criminal offences listed in sections 6(a) to (c) of the Policy, as identified in section 3.B of this form, and other circumstances described in the Policy, that will or may result in a determination of ineligibility or suspension, apply to it, one of its affiliates or a proposed first-tier subcontractor. A criminal offence applies to a party where the party has been charged with, convicted of or pleaded guilty to, the offence in the past three years and has not received a pardon for the offence.<sup>5</sup> Other circumstances identified in the Policy that will or may result in ineligibility or suspension include entering into a first-tier subcontract with an ineligible or suspended supplier [Policy, s. 6(d)], providing a false or misleading certification or declaration [Policy, s. 6(e)] and breaching a term or condition of an Administrative Agreement with PWGSC [Policy, s. 7(c)].

When a criminal offence or other circumstance described in the Policy applies to a supplier, one of its affiliates or a proposed first-tier subcontractor, the supplier must identify that offence or circumstance. By marking a box beside an offence, a supplier is acknowledging that the identified party, be it the supplier, an affiliate or a first-tier subcontractor, has been charged with, convicted of or pleaded guilty to, that offence. In the row titled Comments, the supplier must identify the affected party by name and specify how the particular offence it has identified applies to the named party.

## C. Inability to Certify as to a Determination of Ineligibility or Suspension

The Integrity Clauses require a supplier to certify that it is not aware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension issued by PWGSC that applies to it, one of its affiliates or a proposed first-tier subcontractor. The process for determining the status of a party under the Policy is described in section 16(b) of the Policy. When a supplier is unable to provide this certification, it must complete this Form.

Under section 15 of the Policy, titled Public Interest Exception ("PIE"), a contracting authority may enter into a contract or real property agreement with an ineligible or suspended supplier in narrow circumstances if the relevant Deputy Head or equivalent considers that doing so is in the public interest. Subject to receiving a PIE, an ineligible or suspended supplier that participates in a competitive solicitation or real property transaction will be declared non-responsive [Policy, s. 13(c)]. A supplier seeking a PIE in a competitive process would be unable to certify as to the absence of a determination with respect to itself.

Similarly, under section 16(e) of the Policy, a supplier may seek, in advance, the written consent of the relevant Deputy Head or equivalent to propose an ineligible or suspended

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See, Policy, section 8, for information on pardons. A pardon would apply only to a conviction.





first-tier subcontractor in a competitive process. Such request should be made through the named contracting or real property authority. A supplier that has obtained, in advance, written consent to use an ineligible or suspended first-tier subcontractor would be unable to certify as to the absence of a determination with respect to the subcontractor.

It should be noted, however, that a Deputy Head or equivalent cannot provide consent to contract with a supplier that has lost its capacity to contract with Canada, further to subsection 750(3) of the *Criminal Code*. Similarly, consent cannot be provided for a supplier to enter into a first-tier subcontract with a subcontractor that has lost its capacity to receive any benefit under a contract between Canada and any other person, further to subsection 750(3) of the *Criminal Code*.

When a supplier is aware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension with respect to itself, one of its affiliates or a proposed first-tier subcontractor it should explain the circumstances of its participation in the competitive process. If the supplier is seeking a PIE, it should explain why it is in the public interest to be awarded the contract. With respect to an ineligible or suspended subcontractor, the supplier should include a copy of the written consent to propose the ineligible or suspended subcontractor.

When a supplier is otherwise unable to certify that it is unaware of a determination of ineligibility or suspension with respect to itself, one of its affiliates or a proposed first-tier subcontractor it must explain why.

All required explanations should be provided in a separate document under the heading Inability to Certify as to a Determination of Ineligibility or Suspension, to be included with this Form. PWGSC may request additional information from the supplier.

