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**Subject:** PSPC Lines - June 25, 2020

Good morning,

5 articles to flag today:

### [Le tracé de l'île Kettle resterait la meilleure option pour un 6e pont \(Mathieu Bélanger, LE DROIT\) 2020-06-24](#)

- Our government believes in investing for a better future. Investing in Canadians, investing in communities, and investing in infrastructure.
- The federal government has a responsibility to maintain and build interprovincial crossings that meet the transportation needs of the region.
- We thank the NCC for their work in renewing the 2013 study on the 6<sup>th</sup> Crossing.
- We continue to work closely with our partners, including the cities of Ottawa and Gatineau to address transportation needs in the region.
- At this time we are focused on the COVID crisis and how we will continue to keep Canadians safe and healthy.

### **If-pressed (REPAIR):**

- We are continuing to invest in regional transportation including the interprovincial bridges.
- We are making critical repairs to the Alexandria Bridge and other bridges damaged as part of 2019 flooding.
- PSPC is working closely with the National Capital Commission and the Cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, to ensure that federal bridges in the National Capital Region are safely and effectively serving Canadians, and that lane closures are properly coordinated

### [Hard-hit Indigenous businesses looking to recoup past gains post-pandemic \(Aidan Chamandy, HILL TIMES\) 2020-06-24](#)

- Our Government is advancing a renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples, which includes creating an environment that truly supports economic growth.
- We are modernizing procurement practices in a way that supports members of our communities that have been historically left out, including Indigenous businesses.
- We are developing initiatives to increase opportunities for Indigenous businesses to succeed and grow, and setting a new target to have at least 5 per cent of federal contracts awarded to businesses managed and led by Indigenous Peoples. We are taking action and doing our part to advance reconciliation.

### **(COVID-19 Procurement)**

- As part of our efforts to get personal protective equipment into the hands of front line health workers, we have awarded a number of contracts to Indigenous businesses worth millions of dollars.
- We've launched a Request for proposal (RFP) for the purchase of 50 million disposable non-medical face masks. For this RFP, there is a dedicated stream for Indigenous businesses.
- As we move forward, my department will continue to work with other federal organizations and Indigenous groups to increase the participation of Indigenous businesses in federal procurement.

***If-pressed (5% Target):***

- We remain committed to increasing the participation of Indigenous businesses in federal procurement.
- We are working with Indigenous Services Canada and the Treasury Board Secretariat to create more opportunities for Indigenous businesses to succeed and grow, by creating a new target to have 5 per cent of federal contracts awarded to businesses managed and led by Indigenous Peoples
- As we move forward, we will continue to look to increase business opportunities for companies managed and led by Indigenous Peoples

**Black businesses say they're left out of procurement opportunities, COVID relief despite obvious gaps (Samantha Wright Allen, HILL TIMES) 2020-06-24**

- Our government is modernizing procurement practices so they are simpler, require less paperwork, and support members of our communities that have been historically left out. We are taking action by:
  - implementing a simplified contract model to remove barriers to participation;
  - putting in place an electronic platform to make procurement easier and increase opportunities for suppliers; and
  - establishing a new framework to achieve positive social and environmental outcomes;
- We will continue to move forward on other procurement commitments including better tools, simpler processes, and increased opportunities for diverse businesses.

***If-Pressed:***

- Black Canadians own and operate a diverse range of businesses. We will continue to work with them across the countries to identify, and remove barriers to engagement within federal government procurements to ensure they have fair and equitable access to bidding for government contracts.
- For the first time, E-procurement will allow us to collect disaggregated data and better understand the demographic make-up of our suppliers.
- This system will allow us to better track data on our suppliers and we will enable us to make better informed decisions on who we do business with and to help us increase opportunities for diverse businesses.
- To support broader access to government procurement opportunities, the Office of Small and Medium Enterprise has increased its outreach over the last four years and continues to work to expand the number of bids received from a diverse range of small and medium sized businesses across Canada.

**Ottawa veut reprendre les appels d'offres sur les équipements liés à la COVID-19 (PRESSE CANADIENNE) 2020-06-23**

- Compte tenu des besoins urgents des travailleurs de la santé de première ligne et des partenaires fédéraux au début de la pandémie de COVID-19 au Canada, il nous a fallu faire preuve d'une rapidité et d'une agilité sans précédent dans le cadre de nos achats afin d'établir de nouveaux contrats.
- Même si nous avons pu recourir aux arrangements en matière d'approvisionnement existants, nous devons composer avec un contexte unique et complexe. Dans de nombreux cas, nous avons donc dû agir le plus rapidement possible au moyen de marchés à fournisseur unique.
- Alors que nous entamons la prochaine phase de notre intervention face à cette crise, nous recommençons à recourir aux processus concurrentiels lorsque les circonstances nous permettent de disposer des délais plus longs nécessaires pour mener à bien un processus concurrentiel.

**Are rules just for the little people? (John Robson, NATIONAL POST) 2020-06-24 (re: SNC-Lavalin ability to contract with feds)**

- Our government works to ensure the highest ethical standards for government procurement and effectively address corporate wrongdoing.
- We are examining enhancements to the current Integrity Regime that address the full range of unethical business behaviour and encourage stronger corporate compliance and accountability.
- Suggested changes based on feedback from the legal community, industry, and the non-profit sector are currently being considered.

**If-pressed (SNC ability to contract/Guilty Plea and criminal proceedings):**

- Canada entered into an administrative agreement with SNC-Lavalin in 2015 which requires the corporation to meet strict corporate compliance conditions in order to continue contracting with the federal government—ensuring strong oversight while protecting innocent third parties like pensioners and employees from financial harm.
- The company's status under the Integrity Regime remains unchanged and the company is permitted to contract with the federal government.

**If-pressed (Enhanced IR):**

- The current Integrity Regime was put in place in July 2015.
- Following continued feedback from a broad range of industry partners, PSPC initiated consultations which included over 300 individuals and organizations aimed at enhancing the integrity regime to better align with international best practices and more effectively hold businesses accountable.
- We are currently considering suggested changes to the Integrity Regime based on this feedback from the legal community, industry, and the non-profit sector.

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