

We would like to share the following information that may be of interest to you and your members:

Request for Information (RFI): National Food and Beverage Procurement Strategy Renewal

- Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is renewing the National Food and Beverage Procurement Strategy (NFBPS).
 - The NFBPS provides guidance and policy direction in meeting Government of Canada food and beverage requirements, while enhancing access for suppliers and increasing value to Canadian taxpayers.
- PSPC Ontario Region is launching a national process, on behalf of all federal departments and agencies, to seek feedback and recommendations from federal departments, PSPC procurement officers, and food industry leaders with regards to the NFBPS renewal.
- The scope of the NFBPS includes food and beverage purchases in Canada by the Government of Canada for the six categories:
 - beverages with dispensers' bread and bakery products;
 - dairy and eggs;
 - fresh fruit and vegetables;
 - meat, fish, poultry and alternatives;
 - miscellaneous groceries; and
 - prepared meals.
- The objectives of this RFI are:
 - to initiate discussions in relation to the NFBPS;
 - to gain information on best practices and risks relative to the NFBPS;
 - to highlight federal government Green, Social, and Indigenous initiatives; and
 - to discuss PSPC's Commodity Evaluation Tool, Contract Modernization Initiative, and Canadian Collaborative Procurement Initiative.
- This RFI is neither a call for tenders nor a Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) and responses will not be formally evaluated.
- The Government of Canada is seeking feedback on issues of consistency, process, and outcomes, as well as areas of opportunity to produce better outcomes for client departments, suppliers, potential suppliers, and Canadians.
 - Respondents are also invited to provide comments regarding this RFI.
- The industry engagement process for NFBPS renewal has three activities:
 - Request for Information (RFI);
 - Industry Day (virtual meeting); and

- One-On-One meetings with individual suppliers (virtual or face-to-face meetings).
- Canada will host an “Industry Engagement Day” virtually on **December 5, 2023, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (EST)** to present an overview of the National Food and Beverage Procurement Strategy.
 - This session is open to all interested stakeholders, suppliers, and associations involved in this industry space. Canada will engage industry in a discussion of the current scope of the strategy.
 - If you are interested in participating in the “Industry Engagement Day”, please register here: [Industry Engagement Day](#)
- The RFI was posted on CanadaBuys at the following link: [Tender Notice / CanadaBuys](#).
 - The full RFI and attachments can only be accessed and downloaded when you log into your SAP Ariba account and have filled out your Government of Canada profile.
 - If you already have an SAP Ariba account, [login here](#).
 - If you have not done so, [please register for a free SAP Ariba account](#).
 - If you are new to federal procurement or CanadaBuys, please [review our Guide for Businesses Registering on SAP Ariba](#), where you can find instructions to help you create and navigate an account.
- Respondents may direct their enquiries and email their responses **before April 1, 2024**, to the Contracting Authority, Long Pan, long.pan@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in sharing this information in your supplier community.

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