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## **New Yukon procurement advisory panel established**

WHITEHORSE—A new Yukon procurement advisory panel is now in place to help address concerns raised by the Yukon business community regarding the territory's current procurement model.

"The Yukon government is committed to providing economic opportunities for local companies, and takes pride in those efforts," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "This panel of experts will make recommendations on opportunities for improvement in how government procures goods and services."

The six-member panel consists of representatives from the local business community and experts on procurement from other government jurisdictions. Representatives from the Yukon government's Department of Highways and Public Works will provide support. The panel will discuss the unique challenges and concerns of the local business community and Yukon contractors.

Over the next few months the team will undertake a series of interviews, meetings and other actions with stakeholder groups and Yukon government staff. They will then present a report outlining the key findings and recommended actions to improve the current Yukon procurement model.

"I look forward to working with this panel to come up with an improved procurement system that works for the Yukon government and the business community," Yukon contractor and panel team member Larry Turner said. "The work the panel and I do now will be an important resource for future procurement work in the territory."

The panel, which has already begun work, will present its keys findings and recommendations at an industry conference in Whitehorse in February 2016.

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