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Modernized procurement process benefits business and government

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is improving its contract regulations, policies and procedures to make it easier for businesses to work with government. The changes will also result in cost savings for taxpayers.

Having listened to the needs expressed by Yukon's business community, the Department of Highways and Public Works is responding by updating its Contracting and Procurement Regulation, and Contracting and Procurement Directive. The benefits to business are a streamlined, more effective process that reduces costs and improves transparency, consistency and accessibility. To achieve this, the 1,700 Yukon government employees who participate in procurement activities will receive additional support, guidance and training.

"At the end of the day, our goal is to simplify our procurement processes," Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko said. "This will help businesses be more competitive, while also requiring government to enhance its monitoring, recording and routine public reporting of procurement activities."

A new Procurement Support Centre is being established to offer advice and information to both business and government about roles, responsibilities, processes and reporting. The centre will also ensure that Yukon is operating within established trade agreements.

"We have a fiscal responsibility to achieve better value for money," Istchenko added. "By enhancing our relationships with businesses we are better able to match government needs with local resources."

For more information about the contract and procurement regulation and directive, visit www.hpw.gov.yk.ca/selling/.

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