

September 29, 2015

Honourable Gordon Wyant, Q.C.
Minister Responsible for SaskBuilds
Room 355, Legislative Building
2405 Legislative Drive
Regina, SK S4S 0B3

Dear Minister Wyant,

I am writing on behalf of the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association to thank you as well as your Priority Saskatchewan team for providing our industry with the opportunity to provide direct feedback and consultation on the policy documents and recommendations that will comprise the Priority Saskatchewan Procurement Transformation Action Plan.

This initiative is the most comprehensive procurement improvement plan ever undertaken in Saskatchewan. Our association firmly supports a "best value" proposition as a means to insuring that Saskatchewan businesses are treated fairly and have the ability to bid competitively on all government and crown projects here at home. We applaud the government for the steps they have already taken to make that happen by taking advantage of exemptions in the Agreement on Internal Trade and for improving procurement opportunities for businesses within provinces covered under the New West Partnership Trade Agreement.

We believe that the government is moving in the right direction, and appreciate that the extensive work done to date is an important first step. We know there is much more work to do as these new procurement policies are implemented across government, and we ask that during this process you continue to engage industry.

The Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Associations believes public procurement drives investment, stimulates the economy and creates jobs and we remain committed to continue working collaboratively with government to ensure we all deliver the "best value" to Saskatchewan taxpayers.

Sincerely,



Shantel Lipp
President
Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association

Cc: Rupen Pandya, President and CEO, SaskBuilds
Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association