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OGGO presents report on Modernizing Federal Procurement for SMEs, Women-Owned and Indigenous businesses

This is to inform you that on June 21, 2018, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) has presented its **15th Report** entitled “Modernizing Federal Procurement for Small and Medium Enterprises, Women-Owned and Indigenous Businesses” in relation to the studies of **Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) in Federal Procurement** and the **Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business**.

ITAC twice appeared in front of the Committee and met with Committee members to highlight our ongoing issues with federal procurement.

Our advocacy positions on agile, simplification, transparency and modernizing the Government of Canada’s policies and procedures for contracting, streamlining requirements and updating terms and conditions, ensuring that the right procurement vehicle is used for each procurement; putting emphasis on outcomes and value rather than primarily focusing on price; better engaging SMEs and, improving data to track and evaluate are included herein. In total the Committee makes 40 Recommendations.

The Report is now available on the Committee’s website ([click here](#)).

Some key Highlights of the Report include:

Recommendation #1:

*The Government of Canada establish a centre of expertise on **agile and outcomes-based procurement**, and incorporate agile principles, including multi-disciplinary procurement project teams and procurement bids with iterative feedback, in order to achieve desired outcomes, and that the centre be located within Public Services and Procurement Canada.*

Recommendation #2

*...increase the use of **outcomes-based procurement approaches**.*

Recommendation #4

... the Treasury Board Secretariat and Public Services and Procurement Canada, modernize its policies and procedures for contracting, including streamlining requirements and updating terms and conditions

Recommendation #6

... the Treasury Board Secretariat, learn from and use the expertise of Public Services and Procurement Canada in the development of government-wide procurement policy

Recommendation 10

“Socio-Economic” The Government of Canada request that all procuring departments and agencies, during the early development of procurements, examine how small and medium enterprises, Indigenous-owned business, and women-owned business, are considered as part of the process

ITAC will be working with TBS, SSC and PSPC over the course of the summer and early fall on five key areas;

1. Procurement Process Improvements;
2. Contract Simplification Initiatives;
3. Socio-Economic Development Strategy;
4. Contracting Strategy for Professional Services;
5. Vendor Performance Framework.

We will keep members apprised of the work on each of these areas, and if you are particularly interested in any of these areas, please contact Vice President, Andre Leduc at aleduc@itac.ca.