



*ITAC Industry Insider Newsletter*

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## Members invited to participate in PSPC consultation on Task-Based Informatics Professional Services Method of Supply

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After ITAC's engagement via PSPC is initiating a review of the [Task-Based Informatics Professional Services \(TBIPS\) Method of Supply](#). In the coming weeks, PSPC will be inviting ITAC members to take part in a consultation workshop (late September or early October) which will also include some client departments. PSPC will also hold additional workshops with client departments and procurement officers.

The output from the workshop input will be published by PSPC in a "What we Heard" report (Fall 2018). Thereafter, a committee of both industry and government stakeholders will be established to develop a forward plan.

Finally, a draft RFSA will be published incorporating the recommendation(s) from the review process above and revised SAs or a new procurement vehicle will be launched (Spring 2019).

### Survey

If you have a TBIPS Supply Arrangement (SA) or Standing Offer (SO) and haven't filled in the ITAC TBIPS survey, please do so before the end of this week. (It takes four minutes to complete the questionnaire). The findings will be shared with PSPC next week and will inform the development of the workshop agenda. You can [access the survey here](#).

### Background

Over the years, the TBIPS Method of Supply has grown to 7 streams of service to a large number of resource categories (93) and, while the qualifying criteria remained the same all along, it currently has in excess of 450 pre-qualified suppliers, including both Indigenous and non-Indigenous suppliers. An on-line application called the Centralized Professional Services System was developed to allow suppliers to manage their profiles and to submit their

applications. TBIPS is refreshed on a quarterly basis to intake new suppliers and to allow existing suppliers to qualify for new categories of services.

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