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### **TECHNATION members invited to attend Diversifying Federal Supply Chain Summit**

A "Diversifying the Federal Supply Chain Summit" is being organized by the Government of Canada's Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO) to increase the diversity of bidders on federal government contracts. Now in its second year, this one-day session is designed to increase awareness of the public and private sector programs that can help all gender identities, Indigenous Peoples, racialized people, persons with disabilities and minority groups access federal contracting opportunities.

This year, they also want to highlight new projects and initiatives that the Government of Canada is undertaking for those priority groups and provide more opportunity for two-way exchanges. The morning will be the conference portion of the day, with panel discussions by presenters such as public servants, academics and members of business associations that have relevant information and experience in supplier diversity. The afternoon's agenda plans for breakout sessions on different topics relating to contracting with the federal government.

The conference will be free to attend, but registration is limited. The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman has yet to finalize their registration page and if you have questions about the Summit please contact Maria Colija at [maria.colija@boa-opo.gc.ca](mailto:maria.colija@boa-opo.gc.ca).

The event will take place from 8:30-4:00 on March 4, 2020. It is free of charge. The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement will provide the keynote address. The event will take place at The Carlu, 444 Yonge St., Toronto, ON, M5B 2H4.

**Space is limited to this free event. TECHNATION members interested in participating are encouraged to complete the [online form](#) to register or contact Maria Colija at [maria.colija@boa-opo.gc.ca](mailto:maria.colija@boa-opo.gc.ca) for more information.**