

## TECHNATION proposes Innovation Adoption Program

An immediate and significant opportunity exists for the federal government to stimulate the economy, help drive the recovery of Canada's technology sector, rapidly adopt technology solutions that are urgently needed, and create a 'new normal' of nimble, agile government procurement by integrating cutting-edge innovations into public service delivery.

To that end, we prepared two documents, both of which can be accessed through the following links: the [Innovation Adoption Program](#) (IAP) and the [2020 Pre-Budget Submission](#).

The IAP is a proposal for the federal government to leverage its purchasing power as an economic lever - to drive economic recovery for Canada's small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), implement 'virtual shovel ready' projects, and transform the way that government serves its citizens. The content and position for the IAP comes from a number of sources where our membership was consulted, including the SME task force, launched in September 2019, and followed up by a number of discussions with CEOs / large tech members; SME Government working group; SME member survey conducted in January 2020; and, a follow-on member survey conducted in April 2020.

This proposal has been submitted to multiple Ministers and is a centrepiece of our ongoing advocacy on the Road to Recovery. TECHNATION President and CEO, Angela Mondou, was [interviewed on this topic earlier this month](#).

The Pre-Budget Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance builds on the IAP to also include recommendations for: enabling tech adoption across industries, 5G and connectivity, the regulatory environment including PIPEDA, interoperability and trade across provinces, and workforce development in the private and public sectors.

For more information on these initiatives, please reach out to [Andrew Walker, Senior Policy Analyst](#).