1. More detailed information on the services offered and in particular the products/languages available for the Vancouver office (Pacific region) of the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises.

The Office of Small and Medium Enterprises (OSME) in PSPC advocates on behalf of Small and Medium Enterprises and encourages their participation in federal government procurement. OSME has six offices across Canada. This includes the OSME Pacific Region which covers British Columbia and the Yukon with staff located in Vancouver and Victoria.

OSME assists SMEs in better understanding how to participate in government procurement by raising awareness of opportunities through seminars, presentations, and one-on-one meetings.

OSME Pacific maintains strategic partnerships with organizations such as S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (servicing immigrant entrepreneurs), Buy Social Canada (servicing social enterprises), CANDO (servicing Indigenous businesses), the Women’s Enterprise Centre and numerous others as a means of reaching out to diverse groups.

OSME Pacific Region is home to the OSME Indigenous Engagement Center of Expertise which provides ongoing strategic support and resources to OSME staff across the country to enhance service delivery to Indigenous communities and businesses.

With the goal of inclusiveness, material on “How to Do Business with the Government of Canada” in the Pacific Region can be made available in most requested languages, with OSME utilising interpretation and/or translation services as required. In the past, presentation material requested in other languages has included Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Punjabi, Farsi, and German.

Further information on how OSME supports Canadian companies is available on the Buyandsell.gc.ca website at https://buyandsell.gc.ca/node/215284.

2. Provide a copy of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates’ (OGGO) recent report.


4. Confirm the provinces that have not yet signed on to the joint procurement-Buy and Sell initiative.

British Columbia, Quebec and Saskatchewan have not yet signed a Master User Agreement as part of Public Services and Procurement Canada’s Canadian Collaborative Procurement Initiative.