

September 17, 2026

**SUBJECT: Supporting Ontario and Canadian Suppliers Through Municipal
Procurement**

Dear Chief Administrative Officer,

I am writing to share information on Ontario's ongoing efforts to strengthen domestic supply chains and to ensure our expectations are aligned regarding municipal public sector procurement.

Ontario has introduced several procurement measures, including the Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025, and the Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive, to increase participation by Ontario and Canadian suppliers in public sector purchasing. Looking ahead, the government is also considering additional actions that would strengthen these policies to expand domestic procurement, protect jobs, and maximize the economic benefits of public sector spending, such as extending the Building Ontario Business Initiative (BOBI) to municipalities for the procurement of goods and services.

Municipal Heads of Council have also received letters outlining these measures and the government's expectations regarding compliance with Buy Ontario procurement policies.

Municipalities play an important role in supporting Ontario's economy, strengthening supply chain resilience and ensuring that public spending delivers maximum economic benefit for Ontario businesses and workers. While municipal procurement decisions are made independently and within local governance frameworks, municipalities are expected to ensure that applicable Ontario legislation, directives and policies are understood and appropriately reflected in procurement practices.

Given the current economic environment and ongoing trade uncertainties, municipalities should review upcoming procurement activities, sourcing practices and supply chains to identify every opportunity to increase consideration of Ontario and Canadian goods, services and suppliers.

To align with the Directive, please remind all those involved at the municipal level about their responsibilities and obligations under Ontario's domestic procurement framework and ensure that these requirements are incorporated into procurement planning and decision-making

Thank you for your continued collaboration and leadership. By ensuring that procurement obligations are understood and consistently applied, municipalities and the province can work together to support Ontario businesses and build a more resilient and competitive Ontario economy.

Sincerely,

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