

2023-2026

BUSINESS PLAN

Public Procurement Agency



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

It is with great pleasure that I present the Public Procurement Agency's (PPA) three-year Business Plan for 2023-26. This plan was prepared in accordance with government's **Transparency and Accountability Act** and sets out how the Agency will address government's strategic directions within its mandate.

The Business Plan identifies the key strategic goals and objectives to be accomplished during the fiscal period 2023-26. The goals and objectives included in this plan were prepared in consideration of the strategic directions detailed in Annex A.

Enhancing sustainable procurement practices towards achieving best value procurement is the principal area of focus over the next three years. Identification and implementation of measures to strengthen sustainable procurement approaches for departments and to support the provincial supplier community are key priorities for fulfilling the outcomes of this plan. These objectives align with government's priority to modernize procurement practices.

As Minister, I look forward to working with PPA staff in implementing and achieving the goals and objectives specified within.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon. John Abbott

Minister Responsible for the Public Procurement Agency

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Agency Overview

The Public Procurement Agency is a category 2 government entity under the **Transparency and Accountability Act**. It is an independent branch of the Public Service under the control and management of the Chief Procurement Officer. It also maintains a website where the public may access current bidding opportunities as well as information on contract award summaries, relevant legislation, and trade agreements. Bidding opportunities within the province and other jurisdictions may also be accessed through this website.

For more information on the Public Procurement Agency please visit online at www.gov.nl.ca/ppa/

Mandate

The Agency operates under the authority of the Public Procurement Act and includes the acquisition of commodities as the central procurement unit of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador; and the oversight of and establishment of policies for, the procurement activities of all public bodies.

Budget and Structure

Division	# of Employees	Budget 2023-24
Public Procurement Agency	25	\$1,877,300

The Public Procurement Agency comprises four areas, which carry out the work and mandate of the Agency: Procurement; Strategic Sourcing; Audit, Information & Training; and Policy, Planning & Administration. The Agency is located at 30 Strawberry Marsh Road, in the Petten Building.

Primary Clients

The Agency's primary clients include provincial government departments, public bodies, and the supplier community.

Strategic Issue

Issue Statement – Enhancing Sustainable Procurement

The idea of value added sustainability in purchasing is growing as governments and other public institutions recognize the power they have to leverage their existing spend to create positive impact in their communities. The current public procurement framework provides public bodies with the flexibility to incorporate considerations such as sustainable procurement practices towards achieving best value.

Over the next three years, PPA will support departments towards enhanced sustainability in their procurement activities. This may be accomplished by considering the environmental impact of the commodities we purchase, supporting social enterprises or other underrepresented businesses in our purchasing activities, and helping to enhance the competitiveness of provincial businesses in bidding on provincial procurement opportunities.

The goal identified reflects the results expected in the three-year timeframe while the objectives provide an annual focus. Indicators are provided for both the goal and the first year's objectives to assist both the Agency and the public in monitoring and evaluating success.

Goal

By March 31, 2026, the Public Procurement Agency will have supported enhanced sustainable procurement practices.

Goal Indicators

- Developed plan for sustainable procurement.
- Introduced measures to strengthen the ability of provincial suppliers to participate in government procurement processes.
- Introduced measures to help support provincial suppliers in successfully obtaining government contracts.

Objective 1:

By March 31, 2024, the Public Procurement Agency will have implemented new supplier development opportunities towards enhanced sustainable procurement.

Indicators

- Provided networking opportunities for local suppliers and public bodies.
- Developed information and navigational tools to enhance supplier knowledge of the procurement process.
- Supported measures towards reducing barriers to participation.

Objective 2:

By March 31, 2025, the Public Procurement Agency will have supported departments in the implementation of sustainable procurement practices.

Objective 3

By March 31, 2026, the Public Procurement Agency will have further supported sustainable procurement capacity across stakeholder groups.

Annex A: Strategic Direction

The Public Procurement Agency will advance government's strategic directions relating to encouraging economic growth, supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy, and ensuring Newfoundland and Labrador is accessible and inclusive through the implementation of its business plan. The strategic directions relating to the Agency is outlined below.

Outcome: Source Goods and Services more sustainably.

This outcome is consistent with the Public Procurement Agency's mandate, and supports government's strategic directions as noted above. This will require focus in the following areas:

- Strengthen the procurement knowledge base for public bodies.
- Support the local business community.
- Promote innovation through sustainable procurement.
- Achieve best value for money spent.

