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Memorandum to: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers, City Managers

Subject: Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive – Phased Implementation Dates

In the fall of 2025, the Ontario government introduced and enacted the *Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025*. This Act allows the government to issue procurement directives that require prioritizing Ontario/Canadian goods and services in public sector procurements.

To leverage public sector procurement spending to support Ontario's economy, workers and key sectors, municipalities and municipal entities—including local boards and wholly-owned municipal services corporations—are now prescribed as public sector entities under the Act. As a result, all these organizations will have to comply with the newly released Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive.

We recognize the significant work municipalities do to deliver services and build infrastructure in your communities, and we appreciate your partnership as these new requirements are introduced.

Timelines for effective dates

The new Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive will include requirements related to fleet vehicles and capital infrastructure. This applies to municipalities, local boards, and municipal services corporations on the following phased timeline:

Municipalities

- Fleet vehicles requirements: April 13, 2026
- Capital infrastructure requirements: May 15, 2026

Local boards and municipal services corporations (MSCs)

- Capital infrastructure and fleet vehicles requirements: June 1, 2026

To assist with implementation, guidance materials and other support resources are available on [Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca) and [Supply Ontario's website](#) to help your organization understand the requirements and apply them consistently.

Actions required of municipalities

1. Municipalities should begin preparing procurement teams and internal stakeholders in advance of these effective dates. Additional guidance and supports, such as training sessions, will be provided to facilitate implementation.

2. Municipalities should inform applicable local boards and municipal services corporations of the Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive and the phased effective dates above.

Questions related to implementation and support can be directed to doingbusiness@supplyontario.ca.

Yours truly,

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