



Crown Tendering Policy

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Authority

The Crown Corporation's Act, 1993
CIC Board Minutes #27/2002 and #76/2008

Applicability

The policy is applicable to CIC and its subsidiary Crown corporations.

Purpose

The policy outlines Government's objectives in relation to construction tendering. The policy focuses on objectives relating to apprenticeship training, occupational health and safety, and employment equity.

Policy Statement and Process

When awarding construction contracts Crown corporations must support:

- fairness in the awarding of government construction contracts. The tendering process will be open and transparent on government projects; firms will be given an opportunity to bid, based on protocol and practice, with advance identification of all requirements of the tender;
- a stable, viable construction industry in the province including policies which ensure the attraction of young people into the industry, the assurance of a qualified, certified workforce and the retention of skilled tradespeople in the province;
- jobs of Saskatchewan workers and business, while respecting the right of inter-provincial mobility (e.g. does not conflict with the New West Partnership labour mobility provisions)¹;
- safe working conditions and competitive wages to ensure a stable, qualified workforce in the province;
- fiscal responsibility to provincial taxpayers;
- harmonious labour relations in the provincial construction industry; labour management co-operation is essential to improve productivity;
- high quality work in Crown corporation contracted projects; and
- employment equity initiatives - the tendering process can require greater attention to the placement, retention and training of under-represented individuals.

¹ See: www.newwestpartnership.ca/



Background

In February 2000, Cabinet decided to let the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement (CCTA) expire at the end of that year. At the same time, Cabinet approved Construction Tendering Guidelines - in essence to supersede the CCTA when it expired. While the Construction Tendering Guidelines do not reflect all of the specific terms that were contained in the CCTA - they are much broader in application.

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