

Ontario Broader Public Sector (BPS) Supply Chain Code of Ethics

Goal: To ensure an ethical, professional and accountable BPS supply chain.

I. Personal Integrity and Professionalism

Individuals involved with Supply Chain Activities shall act, and be seen to act, with integrity and professionalism. Honesty, care and due diligence shall be integral to all Supply Chain Activities within and between BPS organizations, suppliers and other stakeholders. Respect shall be demonstrated for each other and for the environment. Confidential information shall be safeguarded. Participants shall not engage in any activity that may create, or appear to create, a conflict of interest, such as accepting gifts or favours, providing preferential treatment, or publicly endorsing suppliers or products.

II. Accountability and Transparency

Supply Chain Activities shall be open and accountable. In particular, contracting and purchasing activities shall be fair, transparent and conducted with a view to obtaining the best value for public money. All participants shall ensure that public sector resources are used in a responsible, efficient and effective manner.

III. Compliance and Continuous Improvement

Individuals involved with purchasing or other Supply Chain Activities shall comply with this Code of Ethics and the laws of Canada and Ontario. Individuals should continuously work to improve supply chain policies and procedures, to improve their supply chain knowledge and skill levels, and to share leading practices.