
Canadian Commercial Corporation

Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) is a Crown corporation owned by the Government of Canada. It was established in 1946 by Act of Parliament "to assist in the development of trade between Canada and other nations."

CCC's principal function is to act as the contracting agency when foreign governments and international agencies wish to purchase goods or services from Canada on a government-to-government basis. Contracting for the corporation is generally carried out by the Department of Supply and Services, the central procurement agency for the Government of Canada. The customer is assured that the Canadian supplier is considered by the Government of Canada to be financially and technically capable of conforming with bid specifications, contract terms, and supplier warranties.

The availability of CCC's service does not prevent foreign governments or international agencies from contracting directly with Canadian manufacturers if they so desire. However, the corporation can provide foreign buyers with the same level of purchasing services as enjoyed by the Government of Canada when it purchases for its own account. Using the services of the government's own purchasing experts, CCC can identify competent sources and assure customers that prices and terms from Canadian suppliers are equitable. In addition, the financial aspects of transactions are simplified; approved customers receive open-account privileges and CCC assumes responsibility for paying suppliers' invoices and performing contract audits where required.

Arrangements can also be made to have Quality Assurance and acceptance of defence goods carried out in Canada on behalf of the customer government by the Canadian Department of National Defence.

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