

Appendix D

Sources of Information on Government Procurement

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Suppliers should use the publications and educational seminars available from Supply and Services Canada (SSC) to gain a general orientation on the specialized government market. More information on procedures and on the commodities being purchased can be obtained by a visit to the nearest Supply and Services regional office or to the headquarters in Hull. A list of these offices is provided in Appendix F. The Corporate Supplier Services Group is the focal point for communications between Supply and Services, the supplier community, customer departments and the regional offices. To receive the publication, *Suppliers Guide*, a practical booklet on procedures for businesses wishing to register as potential suppliers, write to Supply and Services Canada, Corporate Supplier Services Group, Statistical Information and Data Management Branch, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0S5 or telephone (819) 956-2400.

The Government Contract Regulations are public documents and copies can be purchased from the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, 45 Sacre-Coeur Blvd., Hull, Quebec, K1A 0S9.

For information respecting the Procurement Review Board of Canada, inquiries should be addressed directly to the board at P.O. Box 1533, Station B, Ottawa, Canada, K1P 6P6 or telephone (613) 990-1988.

Where to Find Information on Contracts

SSC has, for a number of years, published lists of successful bidders for unclassified contracts issued by its headquarters for more than \$50,000 and by the regional offices for over \$10,000. As well, Notices of Proposed Procurements concerning contracts subject to international competition under the GATT Agreement on Government Procurement and, more recently, the Free Trade Agreement have been published in the Canada Gazette as they arise. However, as of April 1989, the Gazette is no longer used for the publication of notices or for the publication of information respecting contracts awarded.

Instead, this information is available through *Government Business Opportunities*, a weekly publication with an annual cost of CDN \$215 (in Canada) and \$US 258 elsewhere. For subscriptions to *Government Business Opportunities*, requests should be addressed to the Government Publishing Centre, 45 Sacre-Coeur Blvd., Hull, Quebec, K1A 0S9.