Procedural changes to the Canadian procurement system will mean that suppliers interested in a Canadian government requirement that falls under GATT or free trade must make themselves aware of these requirements through a new government publication, *Government Business Opportunities*, rather than expect to be invited to bid. As well, suppliers for these requirements will be asked to certify as to the eligibility of their products to be covered by the Agreement.

The next chapter provides some general background on federal government procurement practices in both Canada and the United States and notes how these practices are modified, where necessary, to meet the requirements of the GATT Code and Free Trade Agreement. The subsequent chapters give a detailed explanation of the Government Procurement Chapter of the Agreement and profile the kind of government purchases that will be opened to competition between Canada and the United States.