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EXAMPLES AND Analytical tools in The online guide

Part II of the online Guide is intended to assist municipal officials in assessing whether certain types of policies, programs or projects could be subject to trade agreement obligations. For this purpose, key questions that should be asked as part of such an assessment are provided.

These questions focus on four areas of municipal activity: financial assistance, government procurement, P3s and regulation. They lead the reader through an analysis that identifies potentially relevant obligations and provides a basis for determining whether or not they might apply. In each of the areas of activity addressed, practical examples of programs or projects provided by the FCM are set out to illustrate how the key questions can be used. The examples include:

- grants to day-care centres (financial assistance programs);
- incentives to attract call centres (financial assistance programs);
- a policy of awarding contracts for services to local suppliers (government procurement);
- a natural gas franchise agreement with a U.S. supplier (P3s);