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## Supply Change

### The Power of Procurement in the Age of Economic Reconciliation

Procurement has the power to build stability while creating business certainty. It is an important driver of economic reconciliation and development for Aboriginal communities.

The focus on Aboriginal procurement has grown significantly in recent times. This increase has resulted in a demand for procurement outcomes, particularly from Aboriginal businesses. Canadian corporations and Governments are also seeking opportunities to enhance their outcomes in the supply chain. The unique needs of Aboriginal businesses face when looking to engage in supply chains require innovative solutions. There is a strong rationale for Aboriginal procurement in Canada and some companies are setting a positive example, however no formal process or policy exists to date. Formalizing processes and policies at all levels of engagement could be the answer to ensuring a better functioning, more inclusive, and more sustainable Aboriginal economy in Canada.

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