



The Build in Canada Innovation Program (BCIP)



Public Procurement Principle: **Balance**



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering**



Audience: **Policy makers, Procuring entity**

Description

The Build in Canada Innovation Program helps innovators move through the final stages of research and development, from the laboratory to the marketplace. The BCIP enables them to test their innovations in an operational environment, within the structures of the Canadian Federal Government.

The BCIP awards public contracts to contractors whose innovations are at the pre-commercial stage through an open, transparent and competitive procurement process. These contracts lead to an operational test phase. The Departments concerned provide contractors with an assessment of the operational performance of their innovative goods and services. In this way, the BCIP enables innovators to enter the market with a positive first experience of using their innovations. With the assistance of the Office of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (OSME) of Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), the BCIP also informs innovative SMEs on how to participate in Canada's federal procurement.

Source: OECD (2020), [Integrity Review of Public Procurement in Quebec, Canada: A Strategic Approach to Corruption Risks](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

