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Supplier Diversity Pilot: Women-owned or -led businesses offering catering services in the Atlantic region

The purpose of this letter of interest is to invite your business to participate in a supplier diversity pilot being run by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) in the Atlantic Region for catering services offered by women-owned or led businesses.

The objective of this pilot is to compile a list of women-owned or led businesses that can deliver catering services in the Atlantic Region. The list will be shared within federal departments and agencies in Atlantic Canada so that employees can use the list for their catering needs. The list will showcase businesses based on the type of food, service, and area served.

- The pilot project will run for approximately one year.
- To participate, your business must qualify as woman-owned or led business (according to the definition below) and be able to provide catering services at one or more locations in the Atlantic Region.
- You will be required to complete a very short quarterly report that will help PSPC measure the success of the pilot.

Definition of a women-owned or led business

A business is considered women-owned if at least 51% of the business is owned, managed and controlled by women, and is considered women-led when the chief executive officer, or the holder of an equivalent position in the organization, is a woman.

How to participate

If you would like to be part of this pilot project, please fill out the [online questionnaire](#) or contact OSME-BPME-ATL@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca.

Once you submit your responses, we will follow up to confirm whether or not you are eligible. Please note that inclusion on the list is not a guarantee that your business will be contacted to provide services.

For more information

- To learn more about this pilot, please contact OSME Atlantic at OSME-BPME-ATL@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca or by telephone at (902) 426-5677.
- For questions about the procurement process, you can also call the National InfoLine at 1-800-811-1148.

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Context

This pilot project aligns with the mandate letter for the Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada which includes developing “initiatives to increase the diversity of bidders on government contracts, in particular businesses owned or led by Canadians from underrepresented groups, such as women, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, and visible minorities, and take measures to increase the accessibility of the procurement system to such groups while working to increase the capacity of these groups to participate in the system”.

PSPC intends to implement a social procurement approach to leverage the government’s buying power through procurement to support socio-economic objectives and to generate positive societal impacts.