



SO HERE IT IS, THE FIRST OF *SUMMIT*'S FALL ISSUES. As usual, summer went by too fast for many of us both at work and at play.

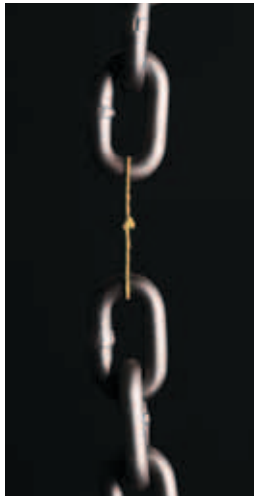
Procurement has been much in the news over the summer, what with the purchase of new jets being debated and with the decision announced following the provincial premiers meeting that the provinces will cooperate in purchasing drugs. In my opinion, the decision to combine their purchasing power to help contain the cost of drug programs is a welcome one... and some might say overdue... nevertheless this decision will make some serious changes to the procurement process to the benefit (it is hoped) of each province and to us as citizens.

This issue of *Summit* provides some articles that might stimulate change in other areas of procurement. "Bonding for small contracts" offers a solution that may help municipalities and their small contractors continue to do business. The column "In my opinion" suggests strongly that municipal procurement departments need to take a look at their piping procurements. And on the subject of proposed changes, "Publisher's profile" features Shahid Minto, former federal Procurement Ombudsman, who comments on the challenges he sees in federal procurement process and practice.

Naturally, IT continues to play an important role in procurement, both as a purchase and as a tool. New Brunswick has contracted with xwave to put the technology in place that will transform its social services infrastructure and make it more inclusive and easier for citizens to access. A submission from Symantec outlines security threats that public sector organizations need to be aware of. Their *Internet Security Threat Report* details some serious threats to data integrity and privacy.

I think you will find your reading interesting, helpful, perhaps even thought provoking. Enjoy.

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