



Welcome to
Summit: Canada's magazine on public sector purchasing

Summit magazine is about public sector procurement. What about procurement you say? Everything about procurement: the process from the first idea that a product or service is needed to support a project/program, through the specification stage, the tendering/RFP stage, the evaluation stage, negotiations, the award and through contract management; the technology tools; the people and their qualifications, hiring, training and career expectations; management issues including reorganization and change management; financial reporting and auditing, accountability and governance, politics and ethics, the law, legislation and policy... if it has an impact on a procurement, *Summit* will cover it.

Summit provides commentary and objective reporting on public procurement as it happens across Canada at every level of the public sector: the federal, provincial, municipal, academic and health sectors. The professionals working in public procurement across the country and those making the spending and contract award decisions have much to share with each other and much to learn from each other – solutions to problems, challenges being faced, new and innovative ways of doing things, new products tested – and the pages of *Summit* are where it happens.

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2007 Issue Dates & Deadlines

<i>Issue date</i>	<i>Ad booking</i>	<i>Material deadline</i>	<i>Impact date</i>
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Summit magazine regularly includes:

Municipal matters : a special focus on municipal issues, needs and purchasing activities

Legal notes: discussion on contract law, and legislation and policy that relate to public procurement

Chatroom: a forum for various points of view solicited from across the spectrum of procurement professionals on specific topics

In our opinion: a practical approach to procurement challenges from two author/professionals well-versed and experienced in procurement

CITT in depth: In 2007, David Attwater will provide his comments on the Canadian International Trade Tribunal decisions and the impact on federal procurement

Special issues: Ask The Experts – Office Solutions in the Jan/Feb issue

Focus on IT (Information Technology) sections in April and October

Focus on Green Procurement in the April issue

Feature article topics:

- Value-based strategic sourcing and IT systems and procurement
- How the public sector is investing in VoIP
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) provide opportunities for more than just the military
- Green roofs offer potential energy savings for public sector buildings
- Supplier performance measurement is a key step to good supplier relations
- Electronic health records integrate management and technology systems
- E-procurement tools are key to supporting changes in the procurement process
- Procurement professionals help develop emergency preparedness plans to ensure the goods and services in the plan are available, ready or can be found
- The common measurement tool (CMT) offers professionals a means to determine the effectiveness of their program.
- Public-private partnerships: good contracting process can help establish a good P3
- The revitalized Library of Parliament is an example of the challenges faced in contracting for special goods and services required to renew heritage properties

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