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A New Single Procurement Service for Government

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In this fall's *Speech from the Throne*, our government announced that we are creating a new procurement service for the nearly \$2 billion worth of goods and services that government procures each year.

I had the pleasure of joining Chamber members at a recent lunch to share our plans for the new procurement service. I am happy to say that the service will be housed within SaskBuilds and will procure goods, services, construction and IT for all Executive government ministries.

Historically, government procurement has operated in silos, has failed to focus on value and far too often has left Saskatchewan suppliers offering home-grown solutions unable to compete with larger out-of-province operations.

Those concerns were a major reason why we created Priority Saskatchewan in 2014 to ensure that public procurement in our province was open, transparent, based on international best practices and treated Saskatchewan businesses fairly.

After four years engaged in widespread consultations across the private sector, industry and government, Priority Saskatchewan has seen significant progress – including the implementation of best value procurement legislation, development of a simplified suite of modern procurement tools, building supplier capacity through supplier development and developing a vendor performance framework. [Read More](#)



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- Dec 13, 2018 Annual Holiday Reception
- Jan 23, 2019 Luncheon Series - Dr. Vianne Timmons - U of R - State of the University Address
- Jan 25, 2019 Chair's Inauguration Dinner, Ahmed Malik
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