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2018 Federal Budget moves dial forward on gender equality and talent; Still requires cohesion and scale

On Tuesday, February 27, the federal government tabled Budget 2018, which from a tech-sector perspective, will enhance efforts around the areas science, skills development, diversity and cyber security, but is limited in its response to increase Canada's competitiveness.

"Canada's government, educational system and business must work together to bring cohesion and scale to Canada's tech skills agenda. It's about growth, innovation and competitive advantage – and ultimately, getting the country prepared for changing technology and labour market needs," said Robert Watson, President and CEO, Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC). "There is a fundamental need for our government to lead science, technology and research & development initiatives that will build talent and prosperity for our country now and for the long-term."

- [Click here](#) to read ITAC's response to the Budget announcement.
- [Click here](#) to read ITAC's Pre-Budget Submission.

The following day, ITAC hosted its inaugural Post-Budget member call, to discuss key aspects of the Budget announcement, and what these measures mean for the industry. If you are an ITAC member, and did not receive the *Budget Highlights* overview document, please contact Janet Gibson Eichner at jgibson_eichner@itac.ca.

ITAC is tracking the development of the Government's *Cyber Security Strategy*, that is mentioned in the Budget. We will comment as soon as it is released and will continue to engage directly with Public Safety Canada.