

TECHNATION Industry Day on Procurement

Leveraging Government Procurement to Drive our National Ambition

TECHNATION's invitation-only Industry Day on Procurement will bring government and technology leaders together to explore how modernizing procurement practices can make procurement simpler, less administratively burdensome, and drive greater value for money, while still supporting values of openness, fairness and transparency. Through a series of moderated panels and breakout discussions, we will identify and commit to ways that Canada's tech sector and government can collaborate to modernize the current procurement framework with practical measures that achieve value in terms of outcomes for citizens, businesses, and the public sector.

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Location: Parliament Hill - Sir John A. MacDonald Building, 144 Wellington St., Ottawa, ON

8:00–8:25 AM	Networking Breakfast
8:25–8:30 AM	Program Host Welcome
8:30–8:45 AM	Welcome Remarks • Kevin d'Entremont, President & CEO, TECHNATION • The Honourable Jenna Sudds, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement and to the Secretary of State
8:45–9:00 AM	Opening Address • The Honourable Joël Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Services and Procurement;
9:00–9:30 AM	Fireside Chat • The Honourable Jenna Sudds, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement and to the Secretary of State • Moderator: Austin Menyas, VP, Government Affairs & Public Policy, SAP
9:30–10:30 AM	Keynote + Fireside Chat: Procurement Modernization in the UK • Dr. Philip Orumwense, Commercial Director and Chief Technology Procurement Officer, Government Commercial Agency • Moderator: Andre Leduc, Pursuits Lead Canada at Amazon Web Services (AWS)
10:30–10:45 AM	Break
10:45–11:30 AM	Panel #1 – Canadian Procurement Excellence (Virtual) Digital procurement experts will share global best practices and lessons for improving public services, productivity and outcomes. Speakers

	• Christopher Gonsalves, Assistant Deputy Minister, Supply Chain Policy and Oversight Division, Ontario Public Service • Hilary Faulkner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation, Privacy and Stewardship, and Chief Privacy Officer for Technology and Innovation, Government of Alberta
11:30 –12:15 PM	Panel #2 – Federal Leadership Panel: Digital and Defence Federal leaders will discuss upcoming policy changes and procurement modernization. Speakers • Dominic Laporte, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Procurement, PSPC • Nutan Behki, Assistant Deputy Minister, Project Management and Delivery, SSC • Heather Sheehy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel, DND • Moderator: Sylvie Ouellette, CEO and Co-Founder, Versatil
12:15–12:45 PM	Luncheon Buffet
12:45–1:30 PM	Keynote + Fireside Chat: Accelerating Procurement to Achieve Our National Ambition Remarks and Fireside Chat • Kody Blois, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister
1:30–3:30 PM	Workshop – Collaborating on Solutions to Known Challenges Participants will turn the day’s insights into practical procurement solutions focused on: • Simpler procurement • Digital and agile approaches • Outcomes-based procurement • Legislative reform Read-out: Moderators will share key ideas and next steps.
3:30–4:00 PM	Closing Panel #3 – Looking Forward Procurement leaders will reflect on key takeaways and next steps. Speakers • Patrick Comtois, Director General, Digital Procurement Branch, Shared Services Canada • Michele McCutcheon, Senior Director, Professional Services Procurement • Emilio Franco, Executive Director, Procurement, Materiel & Communities Directorate • Moderator: Dave Telka, Partner, Technology Strategy and Transformation, PwC Canada
4:00–4:15 PM	Closing Remarks Jenna Sudds and Kevin d’Entremont
4:15 PM	Networking Cocktail