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Government of Canada delivers investments from Budget 2025

Toronto, Ontario – Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario). The Government of Canada is building the strongest economy in the G7 – an economy rooted in Canadian workers, Canadian materials, and Canadian innovation. As global trade becomes more uncertain, we are choosing to build our strength at home.

In September, the Prime Minister, Mark Carney, announced a new Buy Canadian Policy, moving the federal government from “best efforts” to a clear objective to buy Canadian. The policy will ensure that government procurement focuses on made-in-Canada products, strengthens domestic supply chains, supports local jobs, and keeps public investment circulating in our economy.

The Honourable Evan Solomon, Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev

Ontario) outlined nearly \$186 million in new funding from Budget 2025 to fully implement the Buy Canadian Policy. The funding will ensure the policy delivers lasting results for Canadian businesses and workers – building capacity and increasing competition at home, streamlining processes, and better supporting small and medium Canadian businesses to help them access opportunities more easily.

Through Budget 2025, the government proposes to:

Provide \$98.2 million over five years, starting in 2026-27, and \$9.8 million ongoing, to Public Services and Procurement Canada, as well as \$7.7 million over three years to the Treasury Board Secretariat, to implement the Buy Canadian Policy across all federal departments, agencies, and Crown corporations – such as VIA Rail and Alto, which is responsible for Canada’s new high-speed railway between Toronto and Québec City.

Provide \$79.9 million over five years, starting in 2026-27, to Innovation, Science

and Economic Development Canada to support the previously announced Small and Medium Business Procurement Program. The program will create dedicated procurement streams and navigation support for Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) so they can access

spending and other federal funding streams, ensuring that as much as \$70 billion in additional public investment supports Canadian-made products and services.

The government is on a mission to build Canada strong through major infrastructure projects, a modern defence

ing careers that build prosperity at home.

“Through the power of federal procurement, the government has an opportunity to be a force for nation-building —by becoming our own best customer, protecting Canadian businesses, and empowering our workers with good jobs that build

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The Buy Canadian Policy was first announced on September 5, 2025, as part of a broader suite of strategic measures to support Canadian workers and businesses in sectors most impacted by U.S. tariffs and trade disruptions.

As part of that announcement, the government committed to setting up a Small and Medium Business Procurement Program to help Canadian SMEs access federal procurement opportunities.

The Buy Canadian Policy will initially focus on Canadian steel, wood products, and aluminum, as pillars of Canada’s industrial base, with flexibility to add other materials over time. Incentives for Canadian suppliers and Canadian content will also apply to strategic procurements to strengthen Canadian participation.

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federal contracts and compete on a level playing field. The policy will enter into force this month and initially apply to defence, construction, and other strategic procurements, with full implementation by spring 2026. It will extend to infrastructure

industry, and millions more homes. Through the new Buy Canadian Policy, we are making government a force for nation-building – becoming our own best customer, protecting Canadian businesses, and empowering our workers with high-pay-

prosperity. The Buy Canadian Policy is a key step forward that will dramatically improve outcomes for Canadian businesses, and help make Canada the strongest economy in the G7.”

The Honourable Evan



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