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Artificial intelligence source list

Establish an artificial intelligence (AI) method of supply to enable government departments and agencies to acquire <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> products, services and solutions.

Description

Following consultations and an initial pre-qualification round of vendors, a new <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> source list was established in winter 2018. This procurement vehicle incorporates streamlined approaches, including client-hosted webinar presentations to address vendor questions during the solicitation process and an innovative method to select eligible vendors to submit bids. 74 eligible <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> vendors initially qualified in 3 bands for <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> intelligence) requirements up to \$9 million and that number has now reached a total of 145 suppliers.

The <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> source list includes the following categories and business outcomes that were informed from consultations with industry, academia and civil society:

- insights and predictive modelling
- machine interactions
- cognitive automation

Status

Ongoing. The first contract using the <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> source list was awarded in July 2019. Public Services and Procurement Canada is continuing to develop various support tools, including user guides and process maps, to assist client departments through the <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> procurement process.

Multiple client departments have used the source list to acquire <u>AI</u> (<u>Artificial intelligence</u>) goods and services, including:

- Health Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- Employment and Social Development Canada
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Canada School of Public Service
- Transport Canada
- Public Service and Procurement Canada

Getting started

The Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> team has setup a <u>GCcollab webpage</u> to share the draft guidance tools to assist client departments in starting the <u>AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> procurement process. The webpage also provides an opportunity to provide feedback to assist the <u>PSPC (Public Services and Procurement Canada) AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> procurement team in making the documents easier for client departments to use.

If you do not have access to the GCcollab environment, please contact the <u>PSPC (Public Services and Procurement Canada) AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> procurement team at <u>ia-ai@tpsqc-pwqsc.qc.ca</u>, and we will

provide you a link to access the webpage.

For more information, please refer to the <u>list of qualified AI (Artificial intelligence)</u> suppliers and the <u>open Invitation to Qualify to Artificial Intelligence Source List</u> on CanadaBuys.

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