



Trade Contractor News

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This is the second edition of the CCA Trade Contractors Council bulletin. In our first edition, we took the opportunity to provide you with a brief synopsis of the issues currently being dealt with by the Council. We discussed the following: Consulting Fees on Design-Build Projects, Contractor Default Insurance, the Federal Government Review on the Use of Bid Depository, and the CCA/CCDC standard documents.

In this edition, we would like an opportunity to first: seek your input on what you believe are the main challenges facing the trade contracting community in Canada, and second: assess how the Council should prioritize and tackle these issues. We would therefore invite you to rate the issues below using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is the highest degree of importance.

Contractor Default Insurance: Do you understand how this insurance coverage works and its implications. Do you have any concerns in this area?

Rating: _____

Use of Bid Depository: We have witnessed a decline in the use of Bid Depository in several regions of Canada. This may be due to the market conditions in which we operate or to lack of promotion on our part.

Is this a concern to you? _____

Standard Documents: Have you seen an increase in the use of contract forms with provisions that are not acceptable to you? Do you know that the CCA/CCDC standard documents provide for a balanced approach in dealing with contract wording? Would you attend seminars on the use of the CCA/CCDC contract forms?

Rating: _____

Labour mobility: Is labour mobility still an issue for you in Canada? Given the challenges that we are facing with the shortage of skilled labour, would you like to see improvements in this area?

Rating: _____

Naming of sub-contractors: Naming of sub-contractors is often discussed when it relates to the use of bid depository. However, this practice does relate to the procurement process in general. Do you have any opinion on this matter?

Rating: _____

P3 Projects: Some provinces have elected to use the P3 approach to deliver construction projects, primarily in the health (hospitals), education (schools) and infrastructure (roads and bridges) sectors. CCA has established a task force to discuss best practices relating to this procurement method. Do you have any concern with respect to this trend in Canada (and around the world)?

Rating: _____

We invite you to write to us on these or on any other topics. Please use the space below to describe what is/are the most pressing issue(s) affecting your day to day operation.

Comments: _____

Please return this survey and your comments to the Council Secretary Pierre Boucher at CCA: pierre@cca-acc.com, FAX: 613-236-9526. You can also fill out this survey by electronic means at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=piTW_2bCzuZtbDnGQ3U5XoVA_3d_3d