

2022 Public Sector Construction Procurement Awards Announced

BC Construction Association Recognizes Four Public Owners for Best Practises

Victoria, BC – April 21 – Procuring construction services is a highly specialized practice that requires unique experience, knowledge, and skill. BC has seen a 79% increase in the value of current construction projects since 2017, the provincial government is investing a record-setting \$24.7BN in capital projects, and the federal government is fast-tracking and accelerating municipal housing projects. With taxpayer-funded projects on hyperdrive, procurement best practises are more important than ever, and yet increasingly rare. That’s why the BC Construction Association (BCCA) has chosen to honour four public owners who consistently show leadership in the procurement of construction services.

“Construction-specific procurement may seem like a niche topic, but the procurement process is essential to ensuring that a public project doesn’t suffer from escalating costs, expanded timelines, and compromised outcomes,” says Chris Atchison, President of BCCA. “Taxpayers can’t afford faulty practises, and neither can contractors. These awards recognize that there are some public sector entities that are trying to get it right.”

Each of BCCA’s picks for the **Best of Public Procurement 2022 - Owner of Choice Awards** consistently sets a positive example to other public owners when procuring construction services. The winners are:

- BC MINISTRY OF CITIZEN SERVICES – PROCUREMENT SERVICES *for*
 - Engagement with industry
 - Leadership with, and education of, other government entities
 - Commitment to the Capital Asset Management Framework (CAMF)
 - Commitment to best practices and fair, open, and transparent procurement
 - Providing easy access to Bid Documents through BC Bid and BidCentral
 - Providing a range of budget estimate information in the Invitation to Tender
 - Providing Bid results and award information to all bidders
 - Hosting zoom bid openings
- FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PROCUREMENT TEAM at Fraser Health, Provincial Health Services Authority, and Vancouver Coastal Health *for*
 - Commitment to CAMF
 - Commitment to fair, open, and transparent procurement
 - Using BidCentral Online Bidding for Subcontractors for submission of Trade Contractor Bids to provide a fair, open and transparent bidding for Trade Contractors
 - Using electronic submission of bids
 - Providing Bid results and award information to all bidders
- INTERIOR HEALTH CAPITAL PLANNING AND PROJECTS TEAM *for*
 - Commitment to fair, open, and transparent procurement
 - Using the BC Documents Committee’s BCDC 2 “Standard Documents and Guidelines for a Stipulated Price Bid”
 - Using BidCentral Online Bidding for Subcontractors for submission of Trade Contractor Bids to provide a fair, open and transparent bidding for Trade Contractors
 - Using electronic submission of bids (including bonds)
- And the CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE, specifically for its engagement with industry.

Public entities whose contract opportunities are distinguished by well-structured procurement processes and project outcomes can achieve a reputation as owners of choice. This directly translates to demonstrable value for taxpayer dollars and aligns with public sector obligations to trade agreements and for fair, open and transparent procurement practices.

To access best practises information, visit <https://www.bcconstructiondocuments.ca> and <https://www.bccasn.com/procurement/camf/>.

WINNER STATEMENTS

“We facilitate access to a wide variety of services in construction by encouraging competition, reflecting fairness, being open about our process and complying with government obligations (to trade agreements), while still supporting long-term Health Authority strategic planning.”

- Elizabeth Zhu, Manager, Facilities Management Procurement

"The City of Prince George greatly values our positive working relationship with the Northern Regional Construction Association, because projects always benefit when teams collaborate instead of operate in silos. We appreciate being recognized with this award, which reflects our commitment to building relationships both with industry as well as our community."

- Walter Babicz, City Manager, Prince George

ABOUT THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

The British Columbia Construction Association (BCCA) works with four Regional Construction Associations (NRCA, SICA, VICA and VRCA) to serve more than 10,000 employers in the provinces industrial, commercial, institutional (ICI) construction industry. BCCA advocates on behalf of all employers to ensure British Columbia's construction sector remains productive and resilient.

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