



British Columbia
Social Procurement Initiative

PRINCIPLES OF MEMBERSHIP

British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative (BCSPI) is a Buy Social Canada initiative that fosters positive social, environmental, cultural, and economic impact across British Columbia. Buy Social Canada's experts support local governments and institutional purchasers to make the money they spend do more for their community. Through the initiative, BC SPI members can build capacity through resources and community support to implement purchasing that achieves community goals.

PURPOSE

To support local government and institutions to implement social procurement best practices to build community well-being and resilience.

VISION

To improve the health of our communities and the strength of our economies by changing the culture of public sector procurement.

MISSION

We work with local governments and institutions in British Columbia to build capacity through training, consulting, resources and support to implement purchasing that achieves community goals.

MEMBERSHIP PRINCIPLES

These membership principles aim to capture and communicate the spirit and intention of the initiative, and outline the reciprocal and community approach between members, and with service providers.

Core Guiding Principle is “Contribution”

Members are both receive services as well as contribute to the innovative initiative and best practices of social procurement. The principles that underline a spirit of contribution are to:

- Collectively work towards social procurement best practices;
- Share learning amongst service providers and members;
- Measure impact; and
- Engage in good faith.

Member Contribution Practices

A commitment to best practice, shared learning and collective impact is demonstrated (whenever possible) when you:

- Participate in the quarterly Community of Practice and bring questions, examples and lessons learned;
- Attend and encourage team members to attend core social procurement trainings;
- Attend the quarterly Community Learning to Advance Social Procurement (CLASP) events;
- Inform the BCSPi Coordinator when posting a social value RFx;
- Engage with the collaborative tools and processes that have been developed to help with standardization and vendor outreach/engagement: i.e. RFI, vendor directory and impact measurement framework;
- Strive towards implementing the best practices that the membership is collectively creates;
- Are open about lessons learned and respecting the confidentiality of individuals sharing these lessons learned; and
- Do not share BCSPi-developed tools and resources with non-members, without prior written approval.

Membership Benefits

BCSPi membership provides access to expert advice, tools and resources that can help organizations to implement social procurement best practices. This includes:

- No limit to staff participation;

- Professional development and training;
- Templates, resources and examples;
- Online knowledge hub and webinar library;
- Peer networking and Community of Practice;
- Supplier engagement tools and templates;
- Impact measurement tools and templates; and
- Communications and engagement resources.

If you have any questions about social procurement or your BCSPI membership, please contact Em Chapman at em@buysocialcanada.com.