



British Columbia  
Social Procurement Initiative

## BCSPI: 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.*

BCSPI is here to foster social, environmental, cultural and economic impact across British Columbia. Buy Social Canada's team of experts deliver innovative programs and supports to make the money you spend do more for your community.

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 receiving services as well as contributing to an innovative initiative and best practices of social procurement. The principles that underline a spirit of contribution are:

- Collectively working towards a best practice
- Sharing learning amongst service providers and members
- Measuring impact
- Engaging in good faith

### Member Contribution Practices

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

- Participation in steering committee meetings
- Engaging with service delivery team on social procurement policy development
- Engaging with service delivery team on initial RFX with social procurement criteria
- Informing BCSPi Coordinator when posting a social value RFX
- Engaging 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
- Striving towards implementing the best practices that the membership is collectively creating
- Being open about lessons learned and respecting the confidentiality of individuals sharing these lessons learned
- Not sharing 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:

- 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
- Communications and engagement resources