

PROCUREMENT TRADE AGREEMENT THRESHOLDS and TIMELINES IN NOVA SCOTIA (Domestic/International) v. November 2024

To determine the estimated value of a contract for thresholds and to determine what trade agreement a procurement falls under; you must know the value of the Initial Contract period PLUS the estimated value of the renewal periods, or total estimated value of the contract.

DOMESTIC TRADE AGREEMENTS ¹ *CAD and excludes tax					
Agreement	Coverage	Province	MASH	Crowns	Posting Timelines ²
Atlantic Trade and Procurement Partnership (ATPP)	The ATPP replaces the Atlantic Procurement Agreement (APA) and commits the provinces to harmonize trade and procurement processes, work together to improve the regional business climate and help businesses to compete. The ATPP implements the procurement thresholds for public tenders contained in the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) (see below for applicable thresholds) Equal access for Atlantic suppliers. Includes NS, NB, PEI, NFLD & their respective MASH & Crowns				
Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)	Equal access for Canadian suppliers. Includes all Canadian Provinces, NWT, YUK & their respective MASH & Crowns, & the Federal Government	Goods: \$33,400+ Services: \$133,800+ Construction: \$133,800+	Goods: \$133,800+ Services: \$133,800+ Construction: \$334,400+	Goods: \$668,800+ Services: \$668,800+ Construction: \$6,685,000+	Trade Agreement: N/A Policy: 15 Calendar Days
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS *CAD and includes tax					
Agreement	Coverage	Province	MASH	Crowns	Posting Timelines ²
Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement with the European Union (CETA)	Equal access to EU suppliers - includes, Federal Government, Provinces, Territories, MASH, Provincial/Federal Crowns & Public Utilities (many exceptions)	Goods: \$353,300+ Services: \$353,300+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	Goods: \$353,300+ Services: \$353,300+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	Goods: \$627,200+ Services: \$627,200+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	40 Calendar Days (if posted electronically with hard copy responses); 25 Calendar Days (if posted electronically with electronic responses)
Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)	A free trade agreement between Canada and 10 other countries in the Indo-Pacific: Australia, Brunei, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.	Goods: \$627,200+ Services: \$627,200+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	*Not applicable ³	Goods: \$627,200+ Services: \$627,200+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	40 Calendar Days (if posted electronically with hard copy responses); 25 Calendar Days (if posted electronically with electronic responses)
World Trade Organization – Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-GPA)	Equal Access for suppliers to 22 parties comprising 49 WTO members. Thirty-five WTO members/observers participate in the Committee on Government Procurement as observers. Includes Canadian Provinces, Territories & the Federal Government	Goods: \$627,200+ Services: \$627,200+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	*Not applicable ³	*Not applicable ³	40 Calendar Days (if posted electronically with hard copy responses); 25 Calendar Days (if posted electronically with electronic responses)
Canada-UK Trade Continuity Agreement (TCA)	between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Canada.	Goods: \$353,300+ Services: \$353,300+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	Goods: \$353,300+ Services: \$353,300+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	Goods: \$627,200+ Services: \$627,200+ Construction: \$8,800,000+	40 Calendar Days (if posted electronically with hard copy responses); 25 Calendar Days (if posted electronically with electronic responses)

¹Each agreement (domestic and international) has unique language, exemptions, rules, and requirements.

²Posting timelines stated are a minimum. The type of solicitation selected, as well as the complexity of the project, will affect the timeline directed for posting by Procurement (e.g., RFQ vs RFP). Any changes to the minimum posting timeline must be discussed and approved by SNS-Procurement. Refer to the Nova Scotia Procurement Protocols for additional information.

³Only CETA and Canada-UK TCA cover municipalities. In these agreements, NS committed to cover: “all public sector entities as defined in the Public Procurement Act, S.N.S. 2011, c. 12, except: any listed intergovernmental or privatized governmental unit if the Province does not own or control a majority of it; any entity listed or described in Section A of Annex 19-3, whether as an inclusion or exclusion; Emergency Health Services (a division of the Department of Health) in respect of ground ambulance-related procurement, for Emergency Health Care purposes; Sydney Tar Ponds Agency; Nova Scotia Lands Inc.; and Harbourside Commercial Park.”

NOTES: Any changes to the minimum posting timeline must be discussed and approved by SNS-Procurement.

