

Effective January 1, 2024

Advertising Requirements

- Public solicitations must be advertised on the New Brunswick Opportunities Network (NBON) for a minimum of 10 calendar days.
- For entities subject to CETA: when the estimated value of the procurement is at or above the CETA threshold, it must be advertised on NBON for a minimum of 40 calendar days. The minimum advertising time of 40 days may be reduced by 5 days for each of the following circumstances: a) the notice of intended procurement is published by electronic means; b) all the tender documentation is made available by electronic means from the date of the publication of the notice of intended procurement; and c) the entity accepts tenders by electronic means.

Trade Agreements

- **CFTA** refers to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.
- **CETA** refers to the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union.
- When the estimated value of the procurement is below the lowest applicable trade agreement threshold value, the procuring entity may give preferential treatment to NB suppliers/contractors, provided that the solicitation documents indicate as such.
- For entities subject to CETA, exemptions that are subject to international trade agreements, as indicated in the *Procurement Act* and Regulations, are limited to the dollar value as stated in the CETA column.

Definitions – Procurement Methods

- **Informal Quote:** means a request by a procuring entity to one or more suppliers or contractors for pricing on specific goods, services, or construction services without a solicitation for bid submissions, and that is not binding in any party.
- **Solicitation by Invitation:** means a competitive bidding process that is limited to certain suppliers or contractors when bid submissions are solicited.
- **Public Solicitation:** means a competitive bidding process in which bid submissions are solicited by public advertisement on NBON and that is open to all interested suppliers or contractors.
- **Mutual Agreement:** refers to situations where the procuring entity will approach a supplier/contractor of their choice to negotiate and establish an agreement for the provision of goods, services, or construction services.
- **Exemption:** a provision under the trade agreements and/or the *Procurement Act* and Regulations whereby all or some of the normal competitive bidding process does not need to be followed for the procurement of certain goods, services or construction services, or the procurement of goods, services, or construction services in certain circumstances.
- **Estimated Value:** includes all costs associated with the procurement, including optional terms, but excludes taxes.

2024-25 Public Procurement Thresholds for Entities from the Broader Public Sector

Entities	Procurement Act		For	Permitted Procurement Methods			Trade Agreements	
	Subject to the Goods and Services Regulation?	Subject to the Construction Services Regulation?		• Informal Quotes; • Solicitation by Invitation; • Mutual Agreement; or • Public Solicitation	• Solicitation by Invitation; • Mutual Agreement; or • Public Solicitation	• Public Solicitation; or • Exemption	CFTA Threshold	CETA Threshold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCNB • EM/ANB Inc. • NB Health Council • NBCC • Regional Health Authorities • WorkSafe NB 	Yes – Schedule B Entities	Yes – Schedule 2 Entities	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$133,800	\$353,300
			Construction Services	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$133,799	\$133,800 and up	\$334,400	\$8,800,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 cities • Ombud • Universities 	Yes – Schedule B Entities	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$133,800	\$353,300
			Construction Services	Less than \$334,400	Less than \$334,400	\$334,400 and up	\$334,400	\$8,800,000
Municipalities and Local Governments (excluding 8 cities)	Yes – Schedule B Entities	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$133,800	n/a
			Construction Services	Less than \$334,400	Less than \$334,400	\$334,400 and up	\$334,400	n/a
Regional Service Commissions	Yes – Schedule B Entities	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$353,300	\$353,300
			Construction Services	Less than \$8,800,000	Less than \$8,800,000	\$8,800,000 and up	\$8,800,000	\$8,800,000

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NB Power Corporation	Yes – Schedule B Entity	Yes – Schedule 2 Entity	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	n/a	n/a
			Construction Services	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$133,799	\$133,800 and up	n/a	n/a
NB Liquor Corporation and Cannabis NB	Yes – Schedule B Entities	Yes – Schedule 2 Entities	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$668,800	\$627,200
			Construction Services	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$133,799	\$133,800 and up	\$6,685,000	\$8,800,000
NB Research and Productivity Council	Yes – Schedule B Entity	Yes – Schedule 2 Entity	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$627,200	\$627,200
			Construction Services	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$133,799	\$133,800 and up	\$8,800,000	\$8,800,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Products Commission • Forest Protection Ltd • NB Arts Board • NB Museum 	No	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$353,300	n/a	\$353,300 and up	\$353,300	\$353,300
			Construction Services	Less than \$8,800,000	Less than \$8,800,000	\$8,800,000 and up	\$8,800,000	\$8,800,000
NB Highway Corporation	Yes	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$668,800	\$627,200
			Construction Services	Less than \$6,685,000	Less than \$6,685,000	\$6,685,000 and up	\$6,685,000	\$8,800,000

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial and Consumer Services Commission • Kings Landing • NB Housing Corp. 	Yes – Schedule B Entities	Yes – Schedule 2 Entities	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$668,800	\$627,200
			Construction Services	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$133,799	\$133,800 and up	\$6,685,000	\$8,800,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NB Economic and Social Inclusion Corp • NB Energy Marketing Corp. 	Yes – Schedule B Entities	Yes – Schedule 2 Entities	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$133,800	n/a
			Construction Services	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$133,799	\$133,800 and up	\$334,400	n/a
NB Credit Union Deposit Insurance	No	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$627,200	n/a	\$627,200 and up	\$627,200	\$627,200
			Construction Services	Less than \$8,800,000	Less than \$8,800,000	\$8,800,000 and up	\$8,800,000	\$8,800,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NB Investment Management Corp. (Vestcor) • NB Municipal Finance Corp. 	No	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$668,800	\$627,200
			Construction Services	Less than \$6,685,000	Less than \$6,685,000	\$6,685,000 and up	\$6,685,000	\$8,800,000

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquarium and Marine Center of NB • Child and Youth Advocate • NB Energy and Utilities Board • NB Human Rights Commission • NB Forest Products Commission • NB Insurance Board • NB Lotteries Commission • NB Public Libraries 	No	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$133,800	\$353,300
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages • Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance • Office of the Public Trustee • Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons • Village Historique Acadien 	No	No	Goods and Services	Less than \$133,800	n/a	\$133,800 and up	\$133,800	\$353,300
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Note:

- *Some public sector entities may have established their own internal procurement policies and procedures, which may define alternative procurement methods and/or lower threshold values for public solicitations.*
- *Thresholds are updated every two years due to inflation. The next revision is scheduled for January 1, 2026.*