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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Broader Public Sector Organizations

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**SUBJECT:** Supply Chain Guideline

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Ontario's broader public sector (BPS) organizations have a proud tradition of delivering high-quality public services efficiently and effectively, and have long recognized the need to be accountable for their operating performance.

Comprehensive and documented operating procedures are a hallmark of well-managed organizations. When organizations are participants in a bigger interlinked system, such as Ontario's broader public sector, documented procedures are vital in achieving transparency and accountability.

The BPS Supply Chain Guideline is a foundational document. Prepared to support and help improve supply chain activities at Ontario's BPS organizations, this first edition includes two essential Principles towards the goal of supply chain excellence: a *Code of Ethics* and a *Procurement Policies and Procedures*.

**Please be reminded of the following requirements for April 2010:**

**BPS organizations across healthcare and education (hospitals, school boards, universities and colleges) that receive \$10 million or more each year from their respective Ministry are required to have a *Code of Ethics* and *Procurement Policies and Procedures* in place within their organization consistent with the principles outlined within the Supply Chain Guideline.**

**Reporting and compliance requirements related to SCG implementation will be defined by the respective line Ministries. MOHLTC, MEDU and MTCU will advise their transfer payment recipients accordingly.**

Implementation of metrics and standards that measure supply chain performance remain a priority for the government, and will be introduced later in 2010.

There is documented evidence of success in collaborative purchasing, contract management and strategic sourcing, and the government is reviewing the best approaches to increase participation among BPS entities.

The government stands committed to strengthening fiscal accountability, ensuring value for public money through improvements in procurement efficiency, and protecting the public interest.

Dialogue with the BPS around the Supply Chain Guideline will continue in 2010.

Thank you for your continued support and contribution to the success of these initiatives.

Please send any questions or comments to [ontariobuys@ontario.ca](mailto:ontariobuys@ontario.ca).

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