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Journalist Ken Gray looks at the issues that contribute to the national debate

Change Procurement After F-35: MTAG

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This is a release from the Municipal Taxpayer Advocacy Group:

With reference to enclosed letter, MTAG believes that the lessons learned from the F35 file is an opportunity to change Canadian laws on public sector sole sourcing.

It is now obvious that the KPMG report being issued before a contract was awarded is a good idea, this is in line with one of our recommendations that an AG issue a report before sole sourcing any contract over \$100 million dollars.

While national security concerns could warrant sole sourcing, there should be some other "Expression of Interest" and "AG Report" process, that should be a prerequisite at all levels of government, before going to contract on large amounts of money.

Changing Canadian Sole Sourcing Laws

TO: Prime Minister of Canada

CC: Prime Minister, Premiers & Opposition Leaders for Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan

CC: Mayors of Hamilton, London, Kitchener, Niagara, Windsor, Mississauga, Durham, Halton, Peel, York, Toronto, Winnipeg, Halifax, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, Regina, Saskatoon, Fredericton, Moncton, St John Nfld

RE: MTAG calls on the Federal, Provincial & Municipal Governments to make tougher laws on high value non defence sole sourcing

Motivated by recent events in the Quebec and Ontario, we have decided to request a change in laws that guide sole sourcing of non-defence contracts over \$100 million dollars. While it is unlikely that the tendering process will be perfect, it is our opinion that due to the amounts involved (billions), a national strategy to reduce opportunities for systemic corruption is needed.

Whereas the tendering process for the ship building contract should be a model for all high value procurement at all levels of government.

Could you please let us know your opinions on the following ideas and or suggest alternative

ideas:

1) That gas tax funding requirement that tenders be: competitive, transparent and provide value for money, is standard for ALL high value non-defence contracts through the criminal code or other federal statute.

2) That the AIT (Agreement on Internal Trade) between the federal, provincial and territorial government procurement practices for value of the goods or services over \$100,000 ensure that an Auditor General Report to parliament or public accounts committee or council be a prerequisite before sole sourcing or canceling non-defence high value contracts.

3) That the Federal Director of Public Prosecutions mandate includes sole sourcing at all levels of government, independent of political interference, outside the Attorney General office, and will have authority to conduct civil and criminal prosecutions to recover taxpayer funds, obtain injunctions to prevent execution of contracts and or payments of money

Sincerely,

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Ola Han says:

January 29, 2013 at 7:31 am

about time, ehealth, ORNGE, Presto, Samsung etc etc money down the drain, doubt it will get anywhere, politicians to like to block loopholes that they have uses to reward cronies

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