

Trade Agreements

Along with policies and procedures, there are currently four trade agreements which contain obligations for public entities: 1. New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) 2. Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) 3. WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO) 4. Canada – EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Although each agreement applies to different public entities and contains unique requirements, all agreements were negotiated to improve governmental procurement accessibility to all potential suppliers. The NWPTA covers most goods, services and construction, similar to the CFTA. The WTO covers all goods, only specified services and only identified areas of construction. Public entities are required to post competitions to SaskTenders under Trade Agreement obligations. Value of the Procurement When determining the value of the procurement and whether any trade agreement applies, calculate the total amount of the expected value of the contract resulting from the procurement activity. Dividing any procurement so that it falls below the thresholds illustrated on the next page is prohibited. Where any procurement activity has been valued at or above the thresholds identified that procurement activity is subject to the applicable trade agreement. Public entities are expected to adhere to all the obligations contained within the agreement(s) and will be subject to any of the dispute mechanisms available to suppliers.

MASH: Municipalities, Academic Institutions, School Boards, Health

MASH SECTOR	New West Partnership Trade Agreement <i>Part II, Article 14.1(c)</i>	Canadian Free Trade Agreement† <i>Article 504.3(b)</i>	WTO Agreement on Government Procurement‡	Canada-EU CETA‡ <i>Annex 19-2</i>
Goods	\$75,000	\$101,100	No coverage	\$365,700
Services	\$75,000	\$101,100		\$365,700
Construction	\$200,000	\$252,700		\$9,100,000