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Chair and Members
Corporate Services Committee

Re: Procurement of Goods & Services Policy

The mission of the City of London's Procurement of Goods & Services Policy is "to obtain the right goods and/or services when needed while achieving best value through a transparent, fair and competitive process with a high focus on Customer Service." In light of the mission statement, it is important that all potential suppliers understand and are able to access our procurement process. However, new businesses, small businesses and businesses owned and/or operated by first-time business owners in our community may face specific barriers to accessing and understanding the City's procurement process.

We therefore respectfully request support of the following resolution:

"That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review and report back on how the Procurement of Goods & Services Policy and the current purchasing practices could be improved to reduce barriers that new businesses, small businesses and businesses owned and/or operated by first-time business owners in our community face in accessing and understanding the City's procurement process."

Respectfully submitted,

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