



Ontario Association of Architects

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Sandra Young  
Regional Director General  
Public Services and Procurement Canada  
4900 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M2N 6A6

Dear Sandra,

On behalf of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), I would like to commend Public Services and Procurement Canada Ontario Region for considering a Quality-Based Selection (QBS) pilot.

Research and experience has shown that the use of QBS not only helps to save time and money during the design and construction phase of projects, but can improve the overall quality of a project. It is my firm belief that a built environment which performs at the highest level has the tremendous ability to lift the human spirit and contribute to the well-being of the community and culture in which it is created.

The OAA is a strong supporter of QBS and we were pleased to work together with the National Capital Region in order to help make their QBS pilot program come to fruition. We hope this pilot project is similarly embarked upon as, together, we can showcase the benefits of using QBS and help to ensure its continued implementation as a best practice across Canada.

I look forward to continuing our discussions on QBS with you or your staff in the New Year but, until then, I wish you a safe and pleasant holiday season with your friends and family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John K. Stephenson', written in a cursive style.

John K. Stephenson, Architect  
OAA, FRAIC  
President

cc. Louise Kelly, A/Regional Director General  
P. Sivaraj, Regional Director

