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**Contribution from Canada**

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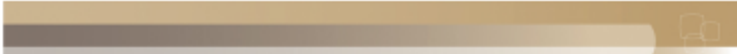
**TACKLING BID-RIGGING IN  
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**  
Update - Canada

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## Bid-rigging Enforcement in Canada

- Criminal offence under the *Competition Act*
- No fine limit, maximum prison term increased to 14 years
- Top enforcement priority (domestic)



## Information Technology Services Case


- Bid-rigging charges against 14 individuals and 7 companies
- IT services worth approx. \$67 million
- Two individuals pleaded guilty
- Case is before the courts
- Leveraged publicity




## Work with Government Departments


- Expanded outreach activities
- Possible online course
- Certificate of Independent Bid Determination
- Formal collaboration





## Proactive Survey

- Targeted construction sector in British Columbia, including Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games
  - Targeted over 110 respondents at the general contractor and subtrade levels
  - Highlighted immunity and leniency programs
  - Increased prevention and awareness in the market
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## International Activities

- Technical assistance
  - OECD
  - ICN
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