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Mr. Bud Derakhshani  
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Regarding: ON-Demand IT Services Draft RFB

Dear Bud,

Thank you for your August 2017 letter to Minister Mauro about the OSMBC's concerns with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services' (MGCS) draft Request for Bids (RFB) for ON-Demand IT Services issued in May 2017.

Your letter was recently forwarded to me for response and I am pleased to do so on behalf of the Minister. I regret the delay that has occurred in responding to you.

As you are aware, I responded to a similar OSMBC letter to Minister Chiarelli in mid-September. I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with an update on this procurement.

Since we extended the existing Task-based VOR arrangement for a 12-month period ending September 30, 2018, we have been working with our partners at Treasury Board Secretariat to revise the RFB for ON-Demand IT Services based on vendor feedback.

We had initially planned to release the RFB by late November. We are deferring release of the RFB to 2018 and it is my intent to meet with various vendor associations to seek any last feedback on our approach. I expect to release a notice very soon on the Ontario Tenders Portal announcing the upcoming consultation and can assure you that the Ontario Small and Medium Business Coalition will be invited to this discussion.

If you have further comments or questions you can contact me directly.

Again, I very much want to thank you, and the membership of OSMBC, for taking the time to provide your feedback.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Marian Macdonald  
Assistant Deputy Minister