



Contracting Policy Notice 2025-6: Updates to the Standard on Embodied Carbon in Construction under the Policy on Green Procurement

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To: Senior Designated Officials for the Management of Procurement, Senior Designated Officials for the Management of Real Property, and Functional Heads of Procurement, Administration and Finance units at all departments

Subject: Updates to the Standard on Embodied Carbon in Construction under the *Policy on Green Procurement*

Overview

The Standard on Embodied Carbon in Construction under Treasury Board's Policy on Green Procurement, with initial requirements related to the use of concrete, has been updated to include requirements for using:

- **whole-building life cycle assessments** to optimize design and material use
- **structural and reinforcement steel** to reduce the embodied carbon footprint of major construction projects

Departments are advised to update their departmental procurement management framework to reflect the requirements of the updated standard.

Application

The standard applies to organizations in section 3 of the *Policy on Green Procurement*, and any new construction or renovation of real property at or above the thresholds listed in appendices A or B of the standard at the time of solicitation of design services. The exemptions are listed in section 4 of the standard, with the rationales explained in Appendix C.

Enquiries

Questions about this policy notice or the standard can be directed to greening-vert@tbs-sct.gc.ca.

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