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### Vendor selected for Lobbyists Registry

AAD Inc. has been selected to design and build the lobbyists registry system in Alberta under the *Lobbyists Act*. AAD Inc. responded to the Request for Proposal (RFP) which was posted at [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca), the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC). The RFP (including the [Guide](#) and [responses](#) to questions raised) is now available on the *Lobbyists Act* website ([www.lobbyistsact.ab.ca](http://www.lobbyistsact.ab.ca)). The RFP requires the vendor to build the registry to be user-friendly.

AAD Inc. was chosen as the successful vendor on June 30, 2008 and commenced work on July 2, 2008. AAD Inc. was involved in the design and maintenance of another provincial lobbyists registry system. The Alberta registry system is scheduled for completion on or before September 30, 2008. This allows time for testing and for lobbyists to preview the registry in order to prepare for compliance with registration under the *Lobbyists Act* when it is proclaimed, which is anticipated in early 2009.

Once it is operational, the lobbyists registry will enable lobbyists to register online and will enable free online searches for the public to know who is being paid to influence public office holders. The purpose of the lobbyists registry is to enhance transparency, openness, integrity and accountability by enabling the public to know who is attempting to influence the decisions of public office holders.

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