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RFP Issued for Lobbyists Registry

A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued to find a vendor to design and build the lobbyists registry system in order to implement the *Lobbyists Act*. The RFP is based upon pre-existing work in another provincial lobbyists registration office that provides approximately 80% of the functionality required. The RFP is posted on the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) www.purchasingconnection.ca. The link to APC is also posted on the *Lobbyists Act* website at www.lobbyistsact.ab.ca. The RFP was issued on Friday, June 6, 2008 and closes on Friday, June 20, 2008.

It is anticipated that the *Lobbyists Act* will be proclaimed after the registry is operational and regulations are in place, which is expected in early 2009. 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. The public lobbyists registry will be administered from within the Office of the Ethics Commissioner by the Registrar, *Lobbyists Act*.

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