

Competition Bureau Sets its Sights (and its website) on the Construction Industry

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Since 2012, WeirFoulds LLP has been monitoring and writing about the Competition Bureau's increased focus on Canada's construction industry. The Bureau's intensified scrutiny of construction companies has been spurred along in part due to the *Charbonneau Inquiry* in Quebec and resulting criminal charges. Recent high-profile government procurement cases have also heightened awareness about competition issues in bidding and tendering. Internationally, issues regarding construction and procurement have been front and centre in competition authorities' investigations. Canada is no exception, with the Commissioner of Competition having publicly stated that he will continue to focus on the construction industry because it is "particularly susceptible to cartel activity".

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