

## ***Supply Chain Code of Ethics***

A supply chain code of ethics should govern the conduct of buyers, vendors and all others involved in supply chain activities. It defines acceptable behaviour for ethical, professional and accountable supply chain activities. If your organization already has a code of ethics, it may be augmented to include specific supply chain clauses.

**Personal integrity and professionalism** The public expects their taxpayers' money to be used with honesty, due diligence and care. Individuals involved with supply chain activities are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and professionalism, show respect for each other and the environment, and safeguard confidential information. Organizations should not engage in any activity that creates, or appears to create, a conflict of interest.

**Accountability and transparency** All activities involved in the purchase of goods and services using public funds should be fair and transparent, and for the purpose of acquiring the best value for money.

**Compliance and continuous improvement** Organizations should establish and regularly review their own policies and procedures around supply chain management. They should make improvements as necessary, acquire additional supply chain knowledge and skills, and share best practices.