

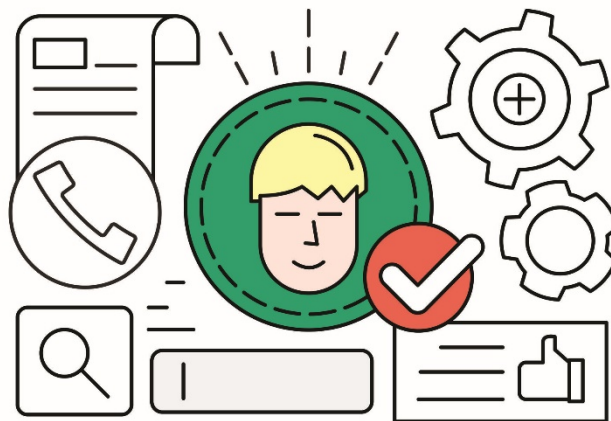
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Notice: The BCEDA COVID19 Bulletin will now be emailed weekly on Wednesdays.

#COVID19 Bulletin



Resources for Businesses



Live Resources for BC Businesses Document

Recently Updated:

- [BDC Webinar: How to adapt your business to thrive in the new normal](#)
- [Canadian Standards Association \(CSA\) Group – a resource for all manufacturers](#)
- [Notice of Proposed Procurement: Face shields](#)
- [BCRFA: Guide to Restaurant Marketing in the Era of COVID-19](#)
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Online portal to connect buyers and sellers of COVID-19 supplies launched

The Government of Canada is working closely with partners to ensure Canadians have access to the information, resources and supplies they need to stay safe and healthy in response to COVID-19.

Today, the Government of Canada launched a new web hub to bring together available resources for organizations buying and selling personal protective equipment (PPE). As organizations re-open for business, they need reliable information on how to buy and sell the necessary supplies required to keep themselves and others safe.

The Supply Hub connects Canadian organizations from coast to coast to coast with federal, provincial, territorial and other resources and information about PPE, including consumer guidance. Buyers will find PPE supplier lists, in addition to guidance to help plan their PPE purchases. As Public Services and Procurement Canada continues to engage with our partners and advisory groups, the hub will evolve to include additional resources.

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[Visit the Supply Hub](#)



BC PNP extends the Tech Pilot to 2021

The British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Tech Pilot has been extended for another year, until June 2021, to provide B.C. tech employers with the continued ability to recruit and retain international talent when local skilled workers are unavailable.

The pilot will continue with the existing criteria that allows tech workers with eligible job offers in one of 29 tech occupations to continue to apply to the BC PNP to become permanent residents.

Employers with questions about how to support tech applications through the program can access the concierge service by emailing PNPTechEmployers@gov.bc.ca.

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Resources for Economic Developers & Local Leaders

Economic Response and Restart

Teleconference for EDOs & Local Leaders

Thursday, June 11th at 3:00pm PST



This week: Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness



Tomorrow's BCEDA Economic Response & Restart Call

Thursday, June 11, 2020 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm PST

(1 hour later than our usual meeting time)

On the final BCEDA Economic Response and Restart call, we are looking forward to speaking with **Hon. Michelle Mungall, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness.**

Also joining the call to share best practices will be:

- Darren Brewer, City of Cranbrook
- Rose Klukas, City of Campbell River
- Amy Reid, City of Quesnel
- Jack Stevenson & Mike Gilbert, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

Questions? Submit in advance to info@bceda.ca

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A Digital New Deal for Rural Canada: Exploring Opportunities for Local Governments to Invest in Critical Broadband Infrastructure

Prepared for the Rural Policy Learning Commons Rural Governance Network by S. Ashleigh Weeden, PhD Candidate

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This policy brief provides critical background information and ideas to help local government leaders and policy makers in rural areas explore opportunities for working both within current policy and funding frameworks (wherever possible) and around these frameworks, where they are either insufficient or create barriers to building broadband infrastructure in a timely or effective manner.

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The Power of Knowledge and Leadership

Managing Economic Development Organizations During a Crisis

Economic development organizations are working harder than ever since the economy turned upside down in March. How are leading economic development organizations meeting the challenges covid-19 brings to their businesses, communities, and organizations? This brief is one in a series featuring responses from members of IEDC's Economic Development Research Partners program.

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