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Ms. Corinne Evason
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Dear Ms. Evason:

Thank you for your letter dated July 15, 2016, regarding the Sustainable Procurement in Manitoba (SPM) Working Group.


The SPM Working Group is a great example of how organizations within the public sector can work together to advance sustainable procurement activities in this province. Sustainable procurement enables public sector organizations to demonstrate a commitment to the principles and guidelines for sustainable development as outlined in the *Sustainable Development Act*.

The Government of Manitoba recognizes the ongoing efforts of the SPM Working Group. The SPM website provides a great resource for any organizations or members of the public who are interested in purchasing sustainable goods or services. I will be pleased to share this information with my staff in Manitoba Sustainable Development and encourage others to visit the SPM website for more information on sustainable procurement practices. SPM's *Quick Guide for Sustainable Purchasing* is a useful reference for purchasing goods and services on behalf of the public sector.

Exploring ways to improve procurement practices by raising awareness and promoting sustainable options is very important for Manitobans as we strive to reach our shared goal of protecting the environment while promoting sustainable economic development.

Thank you again for introducing me to the Sustainable Procurement in Manitoba Working Group and the valuable resources that are provided.

Yours sincerely,


Cathy Cox
Minister

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