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## An Overview of the Build in Canada Innovation Program (BCIP)

by

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**TIME:** Refreshments, Registration and Networking: 06:00 p.m.; Seminar: 06:30 p.m. – 07:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Algonquin College, [1385 Woodroffe Ave.](#), [School of Advanced Technology, T-Building,](#)  
**Ciena-Optophotonics Lab (Room T129)**

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### Abstract

Created to bolster innovation in Canada's business sector, the Build in Canada Innovation Program (BCIP) helps Companies Bridge the pre-commercialization gap by procuring and testing late stage innovative goods and services within the federal government before launching them into the commercial market. The BCIP is a new \$40 million program which aims to promote innovation and support Canadian business development. It was announced in Budget 2010 and made permanent in Budget 2012 with the addition of a military procurement component. The BCIP is a unique program that focuses on innovations that are at a stage of development where they can participate in an operational testing environment.

### Speaker's Bio

Helen Braiter has been with PWGSC for 15 years and is the Director of the Build in Canada Innovation Program (BCIP) in the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises and Strategic Engagement (OSMESE). An environmental engineer by training, Helen has worked in many areas within the Acquisitions Branch of PWGSC including policy, risk management and supplier engagement. She was recently awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for fostering a culture of innovation in the government and for supporting innovative Canadian businesses.

