



NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONTRACT

British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER)

The British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER) hereby gives notice of its intent to purchase backup infrastructure hardware and associated software licensing from the vendor's preferred reseller. Costs are estimated to exceed \$75,000 annually and services are expected to continue indefinitely.

The BCER will purchase

- Replacement of a subset of existing backup infrastructure hardware that is approaching end-of-life;
- Acquisition of new hardware to ensure continued reliability, performance, and supportability of backup and recovery services;
- Renewal of software licensing and support required to maintain operational continuity of the existing backup platform.

Context and Rationale

BCER currently operates an enterprise backup and recovery solution that remains fit for purpose. However, portions of the underlying hardware platform are nearing end-of-life and must be replaced to mitigate operational risk associated with unsupported equipment.

This procurement is limited in scope to targeted hardware replacement and licensing renewal. It does **not** represent a full replacement or change of the existing backup solution.

BCER has chosen not to conduct a competitive procurement process for the following reasons:

- The acquisition is of a confidential or privileged nature, and disclosure through an open bidding process could reasonably be expected to compromise BCER's confidentiality, cause economic disruption or be contrary to the public interest.
- The replacement hardware must be compatible with the existing backup environment to avoid service disruption and unnecessary migration risk;
- The current solution continues to meet operational requirements, and only partial infrastructure renewal is required;
- Maintaining continuity with the existing platform reduces implementation complexity, cost, and operational risk.

Objection Process

Suppliers wishing to object to this decision should contact BCER Procurement at procurement@bc-er.ca no later than 1:00 PM PT of June 11, 2026, providing specific and substantiated reasons for their objection.

Responses should clearly demonstrate the ability to provide compatible hardware and licensing, meeting the same technical and operational requirements, at equal or better value and within the required timeframe.