



Canadian International
Trade Tribunal

Tribunal canadien du
commerce extérieur

CANADIAN
INTERNATIONAL
TRADE TRIBUNAL

Procurement

ORDER

File PR-2022-079

Services professionnels d'écriture
et de communication enr.

v.

Department of Foreign Affairs,
Trade and Development

*Order issued
Tuesday, May 16, 2023*

IN THE MATTER OF a complaint filed by Services professionnels d'écriture et de communication enr. pursuant to subsection 30.11(1) of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act*;

AND FURTHER TO a decision to conduct an inquiry into the complaint pursuant to subsection 30.13(1) of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act*;

AND FURTHER TO the withdrawal of the complaint by Services professionnels d'écriture et de communication enr.

BETWEEN

**SERVICES PROFESSIONNELS D'ÉCRITURE ET DE
COMMUNICATION ENR.**

Complainant

AND

**THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TRADE AND
DEVELOPMENT**

**Government
Institution**

ORDER

WHEREAS Services professionnels d'écriture et de communication enr. (SPEC enr.) filed a complaint with the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on March 31, 2023, in relation to a request for proposal for on-call editing services for communications products issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD);

AND WHEREAS in its complaint, SPEC enr. alleged that DFATD treated it differently from other potential suppliers during the procurement process in that DFATD allegedly deliberately failed to include SPEC enr. in the emails informing all other standing offer holders of the new procurement;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal decided, on April 4, 2023, to inquire into the complaint, pursuant to subsection 30.13(1) of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act* (CITT Act) and subsection 7(1) of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations*;

AND WHEREAS, on May 10, 2023, SPEC enr. notified the Tribunal that it was withdrawing its complaint pursuant to an agreement with DFATD that SPEC enr. would withdraw its complaint and that DFATD would provide the remedies requested by SPEC enr., namely, awarding a service contract to SPEC enr., informing SPEC enr. of the steps it had taken to address the shortage of French-speaking editors, and formally inviting SPEC enr. to act as a potential supplier in the recruitment of editors;

AND WHEREAS subsection 30.13(5) of the CITT Act provides that the Tribunal may cease conducting the inquiry;

THEREFORE, pursuant to subsection 30.13(5) of the CITT Act, the Tribunal ceases its inquiry.

Each party shall bear its own costs.

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Presiding Member