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## **Trade Contractors Celebrate Passing of Federal Prompt Payment Law**

The *Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act* was signed into law on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 — OTTAWA

Canada's trade contractors are celebrating the passage of Canada's first federal prompt payment law.

This afternoon in Ottawa, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada gave royal assent to Bill C-97, the Budget Implementation Act, 2019. The bill contained the *Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act* which lays the foundation for prompt payments throughout the construction chain on construction projects procured by the federal government.

"We have been working on this issue for well over a decade and are very happy today," said Sandra Skivsky, Chair of the National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC). "Prompt payment is crucial to the efficiency of all construction work throughout the sector, on jobs big and small."

NTCCC has been spearheading the initiative to have federal prompt payment adopted, and its members have been instrumental in work to have legislation passed in provincial legislatures over recent years.

"We wish to commend all partners in government, including the Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada, Minister of Finance, and our champions in the House of Commons and the Senate, the Hon. Judy Sgro, Parliamentary Secretary Steven MacKinnon, and Senator Don Plett for the incredible work they have done to get us to this point," Skivsky added.

NTCCC is also grateful for the participation of other stakeholders, and for the tireless work of civil servants and political staff who recognized the importance of small businesses getting paid on time for work that has been certified and completed.

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