



OECM launches Natural Gas Purchasing Program for Ontario's education sector

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OECM is pleased to announce the launch of [Natural Gas Purchasing Program](#). The Program aims to provide educational institutions and other BPS entities with access to a process that will save institutions significant time, resources and money to purchase natural gas.

OECM collaborated with the education sector and [Aegent Energy Advisors](#) to establish a portfolio of suppliers with extensive experience and production capacity to meet the sector's natural gas needs. The suppliers selected to the portfolio, following a diligent RFSQ process, are [Direct Energy Marketing Limited](#), [EDF Trading North America](#) and [Shell North America \(Canada\) Inc.](#)

Program benefits:

- Institutions will have access to a pool of competitive natural gas suppliers which will allow you to purchase natural gas at the best available price on each transaction, through Aegent
- Program saves on energy buying and contract administration cost
- Program is executed with adherence to the [BPS Procurement Directive](#)
- Transparent and practical supplier agreements established with the assistance of OECM's legal counsel and Aegent
- When more than one institution wishes to complete an energy transaction, Aegent can aggregate the volumes, attracting a more competitive wholesale price offer from the suppliers
- Institutions can keep their current supplier contracts, and expand their supplier options by being part of the OECM Program

Taking part in the program will also enable institutions to take advantage of Aegent's expert energy management and advisory services, such as:

- Situation Analysis and Needs Assessment
- Administration of supplier and utility contracts
- Transaction and operational support
- Advise on market and regulatory developments, and risk management strategies
- Market monitoring, monthly briefs and webinars explaining market and regulatory developments

Access OECM's [Natural Gas User Guide](#) to facilitate a simple and quick onboarding experience. A team of contract specialists are available to assist you with the sign-up process.

To access **OECM's Natural Gas Purchasing Program**, please [click here](#) or contact:

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