

TREASURY BOARD DIRECTIVE

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DIRECTIVE: 3/99

SUBJECT: Electronic Data Channels – Use of BC OnLine

AUTHORITY: This directive is issued pursuant to section 4 of the FAA.

APPLICATION: Applies to ministries as specified.

Pursuant to the agreements to be entered into between the Province and MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates Limited (MDA) substantially in the form of the draft agreements attached to this Directive, the following direction has been approved by Treasury Board:

1. Exclusive Operations of BC OnLine and Use of Original BC OnLine Proprietary Software

All ministries and agencies are advised that MDA has a 10 year operating license for the BC OnLine distribution channel, including exclusive rights for distributing current products and services as of September 8, 1998.

2. Delivery of Future Products through BC OnLine

Ministries and agencies (Data Partners) who currently have products and services provided through BC OnLine must enter into a 30 day “first discussion” period with MDA when preparing to distribute a new product through a data channel. This 30 day period relates only to the distribution of the product and not the applications development work required to prepare the product. At the end of this 30 day period, the Data Partner may at its sole discretion, begin discussions with another supplier and/or a competitive process can be initiated.

When assessing the opportunity of using BC OnLine and/or another supplier, ministries and agencies must continue to follow standard government policy related to financial management and control. Only those arrangements that best serve the overall public interest should proceed.

The BC OnLine Contract Management Office (CMO), Information, Science and Technology Agency must be contacted if BC OnLine is being considered to distribute a new product or service. The CMO is the Province's primary liaison to MDA for BC OnLine.

Details are attached.

3. Sales of Bulk Data

Ministries and agencies (Data Partners) who currently have products and services provided through BC OnLine are permitted to sell data in bulk through another electronic channel under specific terms and conditions.

Details are attached.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 11, 1999



Honourable Cathy McGregor
Vice Chair

Attachments