1. **Close of Gate Two**
* As you know, we launched Gate Two “*Let Us”* of our three-gate APP on November 23, 2018 and it closed February 4, 2019;
* Vendors were asked to let us perform hands-on sessions with users, unions, and subject matter experts to prove their solution against 13 requirements; including GC business capabilities and outcomes and architecture outcomes;
* 200 users from across Canada conducted simple tasks using the vendor’s solutions and reported their results to the NextGen Evaluation Team;
* Vendors then presented their solutions to the NextGen Evaluation Team where 30 Subject Matter Experts challenged the vendors on their solutions with complex scenarios;
* Gate 2 resulted in three successful bidders eligible to participate in Gate 3.
1. **Draft Gate Three Requirements**
* Gate Three of the APP, the “*Convince Us”* stage, is set to begin late next week;
* We will provide the draft requirements to you 48-72 hours in advance for your review and feedback;
* Examples of possible criteria includes:
	+ Potential deployment models and roadmap
	+ Data cleansing, migration and governance approach
	+ Pay Load testing
	+ Costing for a solution, pilot, Enterprise Implementation and ongoing maintenance
	+ Contract terms and conditions
	+ Change Management Capacity and Strategy
	+ Service Level Agreement
* We want to make sure your priorities and concerns are considered.
1. **Ongoing Engagement**
* We have heard from employees from across a number of government departments and agencies and overall feedback from public servants has been positive;
* In parallel to the procurement process the NextGen Team is committed to continuing its engagement efforts with users and vendors, and working in an iterative and agile way to inform future recommendations for a HR and pay alternative.