



# Timmins Chamber of Commerce

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## Timmins Chamber Resolution Made Ontario Chamber Policy

May 6, 2006 (Hamilton). The Timmins Chamber of Commerce presented its policy on the Ability of Small and Medium sized Enterprise Ability to do Business with the Provincial Government today (May 06, 2006) to the 220 delegates at the Ontario Chamber Convention in Hamilton with great success. The resolution was unanimously voted on to become a policy of the Ontario Chamber by the 160 province wide Chambers represented at the policy session.

“This policy started off as a way to help alleviate the financial burden on businesses who may bid on government contracts for supplies and services”, said Marilyn Wood, Business Development Committee member, “Not every business can afford to enhance their insurance to \$5 million worth of coverage, just to bid on a contract, whether they are successful or not..”

“Once our Business Development Committee started the research, we realized getting this resolution made into Ontario Chamber policy would not only help businesses compete but would also assist in keeping money in their pocket.” commented Wood, “Now our policy will be taken to the appropriate Ministers and provincial departments by the Ontario Chamber on behalf of Chambers across the province. Their resources will be spent in lobbying to have our recommendation to the provincial government become a reality.”

“It feels great to have taken a local issue affecting our business members and through the hard work of our Chamber volunteers at the committee level, we, the Timmins Chamber, have affected a positive solution to doing business with the government for every business in the province”, stated Ken Petersen, Timmins Chamber 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.

Monitoring the work done by the Ontario Chamber on the policy will now become the job of the Timmins Chamber Business Development Committee, who will provide updates to the membership.