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STILL GROWING!

The Social Purchasing Portal (SPP) is pleased to boast a total of 50 Purchaser Partners. We would like to welcome The Winnipeg Convention Centre, PMC Insurance, Curtis Carpets, Pro-Line Painting & Decorating, Assurances Forest, CKUW Radio, UMF 101.5, U of W Student's Association, Age & Opportunity, PMC Desaulniers Insurance, AGB Architecture, NorWest Community Health Centre Co-op, Mennonite Central Committee and The Information Forge to the Portal.

Why do businesses choose to become

a Purchaser Partner? Mele Kluczkowski with Taylor McCaffrey LLP states, "We use the Portal and we're very pleased with the services provided."

Alain Molgat, with Hall Molgat Public Accountants told us "We're very proud to be a Purchaser Partner with the SPP. We make every effort to use the Supplier Partners' (goods and services). We've been able to work with many of the Suppliers. It's a very satisfying relationship."

Harold Shuster of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives says,

"By using the Social Purchasing Portal, we're able to put some of our policies into practice."

With the holidays approaching, many Supplier Partners are gearing up for an increase in business. The intended outcome, of course, is job creation. By increasing the economic viability of Winnipeg's most distressed communities, we increase the economic viability of Winnipeg as a whole.

The SPP is an effective means to practice corporate social responsibility. Obviously this matters a great deal to many businesses in Winnipeg. We know of at least fifty!



Lois Cash of Pollock Hardware 1407 Main St.

Lois Cash looks right at home in her hardware store on north Main Street. And so she should. Lois has owned Pollock Hardware for the past 13 years. She is the fourth owner of the business, established in 1922. She doesn't miss the opportunity to let folks know the current staff have been there for twenty to 30 years and really know their products.

Supplier Profile: Pollock Hardware

Pollock Hardware is not your everyday hardware store. You will still find all the paint (Benjamin Moore), nails, hammers and screws there, but you'll also find items long forgotten from the big box stores. Radio Flyer wagons sit proudly in the window display and Alladin lamps adorn the shelves. Hard to find items such as stainless steel tubs can be found in Pollock Hardware. Although this store is a cornerstone in the community, it is known around the country for their broad range of ethnic cooking items such as cabbage cutters, grain grinders and tortilla warmers.

Pollock is involved in the community. The Green Team, a provincial youth initiative

involved in community development projects that create healthier neighbourhoods is hosted out of the store. The Graffiti Depot for the North End is also hosted by Pollock. The city provides the paint, which Pollock pours into smaller containers enabling community residents to use this paint to clean up graffiti on their property.

The store is getting ready for Christmas. Shiny red and silver paper line the shelves and the window display of wagons, iron casseroles and crockery is beautiful. The incredibly unique gifts available in this warm and friendly store is a great reason to come and say hello to Lois and the knowledgeable staff at Pollock's.

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community-owned, grocery & catering

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Pollock Hardware
everyday and hard-to-find hardware items

Prairie Pride Gourmet Baskets
fine gourmet gift baskets

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SPP Employment Exchange Committee

The SPP Employment Exchange Committee (EEC) is a partnering of 17 non-profit member agencies each working with people who have faced multiple barriers to employment. The EEC responds to job postings from SPP Supplier and Purchaser Partners. The EEC is coordinated by the PATH Resource Centre. For more information please contact Vlessy Villaneuva-Sanchez at 927-2306.



SEED Winnipeg (Supporting Employment and Economic Development) delivers programs and services that help low-income individuals, groups and organizations start businesses and save money for future goals. The Social Purchasing Portal is an effective way for SEED to model the power of Community Economic Development strategies to foster business development and employment in the inner-city.

Visit the Social Purchasing Portal at www.sppwinnipeg.org

purchaser partners

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Manitoba

Community Ownership Solutions

Mediation Services

Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre

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University of Manitoba Student's Union

Women's Enterprise Centre of Manitoba

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