

Call for Abstracts - 2026 Learning Program

When: April 24, 2026 Deadline

The Real Property Institute of Canada (RPIC) is launching its Call for Abstracts for its 2026 Learning Program.

The Events

RPIC Summit – In Person/Hybrid, Ottawa, ON (Oct 27–29, 2026)

RPIC's successful National Summit is back and integrates multiple elements of the federal real property community into a 3 day must-attend event for federal leaders, influencers, decision-makers, technical and functional heads, managers, and delivery groups to come together to learn and build relationships. The 2026 Summit will also feature an expanded poster session, where more technical content can be profiled in a high-traffic area.

Other Professional Development Events

RPIC is also planning other professional development events in 2026. These smaller events will address specific topics/themes that may be delivered virtually or in-person.

What We're Looking For

In 2026, RPIC's learning program will feature topics, content, and themes that directly support the following learning priorities and key subject matter areas across the federal real property life cycle of Policy > Strategy > Planning > Projects > Operations > Disposals:

2026 RPIC Learning Priorities:

- Project Management
- Data Systems and Technologies
- Governance and Reporting
- Financial Management
- Contract Management
- Client Consultation and Liaison
- Strategy and Leadership

Key Subject Matter Areas:

- Real Property Assets
- Workplace Modernization
- Federal Contaminated Sites
- Procurement
- Technology and Innovation
- Security (physical and cyber)
- First Nations, Metis and Inuit Engagement

Abstract submissions that intersect across the real property lifecycle, RPIC learning priorities and key subject matter streams are encouraged, including those that deal with greening and sustainability aspects.

Do you have a topic of interest that aligns with what we're looking for? If so, we would love to hear from you.

Guidance for Abstracts

With limited space in the 2026 program, we anticipate strong interest and encourage early submissions. We look forward to receiving a wide range of high-quality proposals for consideration.

The 2026 Summit will highlight both achievements and lessons learned. If a project brought success, improvement, or new understanding, we encourage you to share your experience with the community.

This call for abstracts focuses on fulfilling learning offerings for the 2026 Learning Program, however abstract submissions will also be considered for future Professional Development events. ALL submissions will be reviewed with recommendations made on where they best fit to deliver value to the RPIC community.

Note: Those that submitted abstracts in 2025 and that previously received an email indicating their abstract had been added to an inventory are encouraged to ensure alignment with the 2026 learning priorities and that the content is refreshed.

Evaluation Criteria

The abstract review process will include elements of the following evaluation criteria to help weight and prioritize the abstract submissions to align them with the learning events in 2026.

- Relevance and alignment with RPIC Learning Priorities.
- Features an innovative concept, unique project or perspective.
- Includes a clear description and statement on the benefits for event attendees.
- Features best practices and lessons learned, **including transparency where programs/projects do not go as planned even after mitigation measures are introduced.**
- Includes critical analysis and different points of view that will act as catalyst for rich and meaningful conversation amongst event attendees.
- Collaborative presentation – abstracts featuring examples of partnerships with public sector speakers will be given priority consideration.

Presentation Format

All presentations at the RPIC Summit are required to be in-person. Presentations during other Professional Development Days will be virtual or in-person.

Will present in person:

- This option acknowledges that you will deliver your presentation in person at the Rogers Centre in Ottawa, Ontario.
- Individual sessions will be approximately 45 min in length (including Q&A), with provision for multiple, shorter presentations that feature more technical content that will be delivered in the same time block/room.
- Note: streaming to a virtual audience will also be included.
- You will be responsible for your own accommodations and travel. Further details on hotels in downtown Ottawa will be made available when registration is launched.
- A pre-event speaker information session will be scheduled and RPIC will ensure that all your technical requirements are met to present to the in-person audience.
- You will have the option of one of the speakers acting as moderator for your session, or a volunteer moderator will be assigned to your session.
- In-person presenters will be offered a 25% discount on the regular registration fee to attend the Summit. (Early Bird 3-day registration fee \$1,740 + HST; Regular 3-day registration fee \$1,870 + HST).
- While there will be no fee for those who present at their session and then leave the event, they are still required to register online. Those presenters who elect to remain on site after their session will be asked to pay at the registration desk.

Will present virtually (for non-Summit events):

- This option acknowledges that you will deliver your presentation remotely
- You will be responsible for ensuring that you can connect to Zoom with video and audio capabilities and connect to high-speed internet
- We will support the logistics of ensuring that your presentation connects to both the virtual and in person audience
- Virtual presentations will only be accepted for RPIC's virtual events and will not be an option for in-person events.

French / English Translation

RPIC events aim to provide learning offerings in both French and English. RPIC seeks to provide the option to attend sessions offered in either language. Bilingual presentations also encouraged.

Electronic Submission: How to Submit Your Abstract

Access our detailed abstract template via the provided [link](#). Review all requirements upfront to streamline your application process.

IMPORTANT: We will only review the submission through the [electronic portal](#), the Submission Template (Appendix A) is simply a tool to help guide you.

Call for Abstracts – Submission Template

Prepare for success effortlessly! Review all requirements upfront to streamline your application process. We will only review the submission through the [electronic portal](#), **this template is simply a tool to guide you.**

EVENT INFORMATION	
Name & Date(s) of Event	2026 RPIC Learning Program
Abstract Submission Deadline	April 24, 2026
RPIC Website	(Click on the hyperlink for more information)
PRESENTER INFORMATION	
Your First & Last Name *	(Please enter)
Your Designations	(Please enter)
Your Email *	(Please enter)
Co-Presenters: (**limit of two (2) co-presenters per session): If Yes:	Yes No Public Sector Private Sector <i>You can edit/add co-presenters after submitting your abstract but the names of all presenters will need to be confirmed before the event program goes live.</i>
Session Moderator Will one of your presenters be acting as a moderator for the session, or would you prefer that a volunteer moderator be assigned?	Speaker to moderate Moderator required

PRESENTATION INFORMATION	
Session Title *	<i>(Enter a concise and descriptive title, as it should appear in the event program)</i>
Session Description *	<i>(Enter a summary of your session, as it should appear in the event program, approx. 500 words)</i>
Please identify 1-2 learning objectives of your presentation. (what the take-aways will be for those attending the session).	
Identify RPIC Learning Priority(ies) that applies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Management • Data Systems and Technologies • Governance and Reporting • Financial Management • Contract Management • Client Consultation and Liaison • Strategy and Leadership
Identify Subject Matter Stream(s) that applies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Property Assets • Workplace Modernization • Federal Contaminated Sites • Procurement • Technology and Innovation • Security (physical and cyber) • First Nations, Metis and Inuit Engagement • Other
Identify which stage(s) of the federal real property life cycle that best applies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy • Strategy • Planning • Projects • Operations • Disposal

<p>What do you consider to be the level of your presentation, so the audience knows what to expect?</p>	<p>Introductory – intended for a general audience; little background in the lexicon/content is required</p> <p>Moderate – intended for an audience with some awareness of the lexicon/content recommended</p> <p>Advanced – intended for a more technical audience; strong background in the lexicon/content recommended</p>
<p>Does your presentation reflect any of these Government of Canada interest areas? If so, please identify.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Building New Relationships with the United States and the World • Building a More Affordable Canada • Building a Stronger Canadian Economy • Reinforcing Canadian Sovereignty • Strengthening Trade Ties Beyond North America • Eliminating Internal Trade Barriers • Accelerating Nation Building Infrastructure • Affordability & Housing • Social Programs & Support • Other
<p>Will the presentation primarily address the perspective of the public or private sector?</p> <p>If private sector, will there be participation from public sector entities? <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Sector • Private Sector • Yes • No
<p>Is there another abstract being submitted about a different phase of this project, portfolio or policy?</p> <p>If yes, what is the title of the abstract?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No <p><i>(Enter a concise and descriptive title, as it should appear in the event programme)</i></p>
<p>What format will you be presenting in? *</p>	<p>(Select which option applies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will present in person • Will present virtually (remote)

<p>Would you be interested in presenting a poster for display at Summit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
<p>What is your language of presentation delivery?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French • English • Bilingual – French & English
<p>Please confirm that you will provide your presentation materials (eg. slide deck) in both official languages prior to the event.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
<p>If you are selected to present, do you consent to RPIC tagging your socials on our marketing channels?</p> <p>If yes, please share your social media information in a link format.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
<p>If you are selected to present, do you consent to RPIC using your headshot and bio on website?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
<p>If yes, please share your social media information in a link format.</p>	
<p>Optional: Please upload any relevant files. This could include slide deck, papers, handouts, etc. to support your application.</p>	<p><i>(Please attach/email any relevant files eg. slides, papers, handouts etc. to support your application)</i></p>

IMPORTANT:

RPIC Reserves the right to record all events and learning presentations. Recordings of all sessions and events become the property of RPIC for continued learning delivery and promotional use including posting of recordings to the RPIC website.

All presentations selected and delivered are subject to these terms.