This election, make a difference. Use your vote to protect public services.

PIPSC represents 13,000 IT workers in the federal government, Canada’s largest technology based workforce.

The contract between public employees and the federal government is breaking down as more services are outsourced for longer periods of time.

Outsourcing means higher costs to Canadians.

Outsourcing means lower quality services for Canadians – less transparency, less accountability with fewer checks and balances.

Outsourcing means a loss of institutional knowledge.

The federal government spends $12 billion a year on outsourced services. More than the budgets of 8 departments and agencies combined.

The highest quality, most efficient and least expensive expertise for public services already exists within the public service. And it should remain there.

Canadians cannot afford anymore failed outsourced IT projects, we only have to look at the disastrous Phoenix pay system as a glaring example.

On October 21, Canadians will vote to set the course for the next four years. We need to elect a government that protects public services and respects the people who provide them.

We need a government that will invest in a permanent, not contract, public service.

In this election, political parties must:

• reduce spending on consultants to 2005-06 levels that were promised by the current government in the last election campaign
• establish a taskforce with unions to resolve the problem of outsourcing