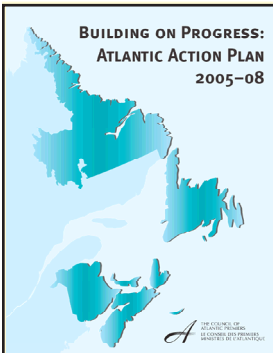




# Red Tape Reduction

## ATLANTIC REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

CHALLENGE	SOLUTION	RESULTS
To provide quality and efficient public services, and grow a competitive regional economy across the Atlantic provinces.	The second action plan of the Council of Atlantic Premiers: <i>Building on Progress: Atlantic Action Plan 2005-2008</i> .	To further strengthen regional ties and achieve even greater benefits from regional co-operation.



Building on Progress expands on the initiatives launched under the first action plan, *Working Together for Atlantic Canada 2001-2003*. Since the release of the action plan in June 2005, the four provinces have collaborated on a number of important fronts.

and regulations of a *Maritime Harmonized Insurance Act*.

**Environment:** Atlantic environment ministers formed the Atlantic Council of Ministers of Environment to formalize the commitment to collaboration on key environment issues, such as a new approach to environmental sustainability and management.

**Transportation:**

The Harmonization Trucking Strategy is reducing red tape and business barriers to efficient truck transportation. Initiatives include harmonization of over-size loads, training requirements for escort vehicles, as well as the development of common enforcement practices and training.

**QUOTE**

*“Greater Maritime and Atlantic co-operation is at the heart of our vision for a more competitive New Brunswick. It is based on the belief that our province is stronger when we work together with our neighbours in Atlantic Canada ...”*

**Hon. Bernard Lord**  
Premier of New Brunswick

Examples include:

**Energy:** The Atlantic Energy Ministers’ Forum has made steady progress in streamlining the regulatory environment and the ministers continue to advocate for regional co-operation on electricity, oil and gas, renewable energy and other energy initiatives.

**Procurement:** Provinces have developed and adopted a set of standard terms and conditions governing the submission and evaluation of vendor submissions to Atlantic government tender opportunities.

**Harmonized Insurance:** Provincial departments responsible for insurance are drafting legislation

*Business & Government working together to cut red tape*



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