

Exploration Discovered

An Opportunity for Local Benefits across Manitoba

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Exploration Discovered

 Manitoba's Prospectors and Developers Association (MPDA) launched
 Exploration Discovered in January 2024.

Project Goals:

- Assess the current impact of the Mineral Exploration industry in the province.
- Explore the potential for the sector to contribute to economic reconciliation, decarbonization and Manitoba's economy.



Project Partners



As the recipient of the Manitoba Mineral Development Fund (MMDF), the MPDA would like to acknowledge the generous sponsors of our 2024 Exploration Discovery study. This initiative received funding from the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, the Government of Manitoba through the MMDF, and the Communities Economic Development Fund Manitoba (CEDF).











Project Design





Exploration Discovered Project Design



Focus		Description
ONE Objective	 The objectives of the Exploration Discovered Initiative were: 1. To illustrate the effects of mineral exploration on local communities within the supply chain network of Manitoba; 2. To highlight Indigenous-affiliated participation and opportunity for economic reconciliation; 3. To gain a better understanding of the variety of Vendors supporting the mineral exploration sector, and their geographic distribution; and, 4. To connect Manitoba's resource potential with Canada's Critical Mineral ambitions. 	
	Description of Process	Government Sources
	A four-part process was used in the Exploration Discovered initiative:	Government data sources included
TWO Data Collection Methodology	 Survey of MPDA's ~ 100 members achieving a 25% participation rate. The survey gathered insights on confidence and planned investments for 2024. A semi- structured approach, incorporating a blend of open-ended and closed survey questions was used. Supply chain analysis of expenditures made in 2022 by junior and senior exploration companies and service firms representing projects at all stages, including early-stage and advanced mechanized exploration. Review of non-commercial Manitoba Mineral Development Fund (MMDF) participation data Review of publicly available data and Federal and Provincial Government reports 	 Government of Canada: Canada's Critical Mineral Strategy Government of Manitoba: Critical Mineral Strategy Government of Manitoba: Manitoba Mining, Exploration and Geoscience 2024 –2025 Government of Manitoba: Manitoba-First Nations Mineral Development Protocol IEA50: Critical Minerals Data Explorer MMDF: Funding Northern Possibilities NRCan: Canadian Critical Mineral Infographic (February 2024) NRCan: Mineral Exploration and Development, Data Tables Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0202-01 Employment by industry, annual Statistics Canada. Table: 34-10-0035-01, Capital and repair expenditures by industry and geography
THREE Survey Structure	The MPDA ED survey was categorized into three primary dimensions, like a checklist that together creates a full picture of Manitoba's mineral sector's outlook for the industry. The three dimensions were 1. Climate and Community Investment 2. Indigenous Participation 3. Industry Confidence and Expectations for 2024	
FOUR Timeline	The MPDA data collection survey was distributed by email, social media promotion and in person interviews from December 20, 2023, to March 31, 2024. Preliminary results were presented at the MPDA Reconciliation Gala in Winnipeg on March 21, 2024.	
FIVE Framework	Exploration Discovered was aligned with the best practices in Indigenous and local content reporting, as expressed by the ambitions of the Mining Association of Canada's 'Towards Sustainable Mining' standard and the 'National Indigenous Economic Strategy for Canada'.	



Key Insights





Key Insights







- 2 More than 50 municipalities across Manitoba have a mineral exploration and mining sector supply chain. The top three municipalities based on count of reported Vendors in ED are: Winnipeg, Flin Flon and Snow Lake.
- 3 60% of ED survey participants reported having an Agreement with an Indigenous Nation or organization as part of a mineral exploration project.
 - The diversity and characteristics of the mineral exploration supply chain was modelled. Supporting Services was the most accessed Vendor category with Equipment Rentals & Supplies being the most procured sub-category of Vendors.
 - Winnipeg had the highest mineral exploration and mining supply chain expenditure reported with 46% of total provincial expenditure directed to Vendors in the capital city, revealing the province-wide impact of the sector. The top category reported by Winnipeg Vendors was Equipment, Rentals and Supplies.



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ED surveyed Mineral Exploration companies to determine what factors would most positively impact mineral exploration investment in Manitoba. **25%** of respondents said **enhanced efficiency and effectiveness of permitting processes** would promote investment thereby expediting Manitoba mineral exploration projects that contribute to a low carbon future.





The Global and Canadian Context

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The Global Challenge



- Since the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming (2018), many countries have enhanced and accelerated greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets to help limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.
- Canada adopted an ambitious new target, committing to a GHG emissions reduction of 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Meanwhile, the Government of Manitoba set ambitions in October 2023 to 'work towards making (our) energy grid net-zero by 2035' and to 'create a roadmap to meet net-zero targets by 2050.'



Accelerated Clean Energy Drives Up Mineral Demand Globally

- The International Energy Agency (IEA) World Energy Outlook report, 'The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions' announced that since 2010, the average quantity of minerals needed for a new unit of power generation capacity has increased by 50% as the share of renewables in new investment has risen.
- The minerals Manitoba discovers and produces, backstopped by Manitoban businesses, are essential to the green transition. According to the IEA, at least 30 times as much nickel and other key minerals may be required by the electric car industry by 2040 to meet global climate targets.
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) plants, wind farms and electric vehicles (EVs) require more minerals to build. For instance, a typical electric car requires six times the mineral inputs of a conventional car and an onshore wind farm requires nine times more mineral resources than a gas-fired plant.

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Canada Responds with the Canadian Critical Mineral Strategy



- In December of 2022, Canada announced \$3.8B to be put towards its Critical Minerals Strategy to seize a generational opportunity for a clean, inclusive and homegrown mineral exploration industry.
- The strategy aims to position Canada as a top global supplier and advance the development of the mineral exploration industry. In addition, the Canadian Government announced \$1.5B to support critical mineral projects.
- In total, 31 minerals have been identified as critical to Canada's future due to their role in economic security.



Manitoba can Lead the Canadian Critical Mineral Strategy



Minerals In Manitoba

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Of the **31** critical minerals on Canada's Critical Mineral List, **29** are in the province of Manitoba.

Manitoba has an **opportunity** to be a significant contributor to the critical and strategic minerals of Canada and the world. Along with having 29 of Canada's critical minerals, Manitoba's **access to a deep-water port** gives the province the potential to discover, extract, process and export critical minerals while building a **skilled**, **well-paid local workforce**.

Canadian Critical Minerals List	Minerals In Manitoba	Canadian Critical Minerals List
Aluminum	Νο	Manganese
Antimony	\checkmark	Molybdenum
Bismuth	\checkmark	Nickel
Cesium	\checkmark	Potash
Chromium	\checkmark	Platinum Group Element
Cobalt	\checkmark	Rare Earth Metals
Copper	\checkmark	Scandium
Fluorspar	✓	Tantalum
Gallium	\checkmark	Tellurium
Germanium	\checkmark	Tin
Graphite	\checkmark	Titanium
Helium	\checkmark	Tungsten
Indium	Νο	Uranium
Lithium	\checkmark	Vanadium
Magnesium	\checkmark	Zinc





Unlocking the Potential

Manitoba's World Class Decarbonization Resources

SECTION



Scaling Manitoba's Mineral **Exploration for Clean Energy Demand**

The minerals Manitoba discovers and produces, such as lithium, nickel, gold, zinc, copper, and silica backstopped by Manitoban businesses, are essential to decarbonization and support a realistic transition today.



EVs & Batteries Copper, Silver, Nickel, Silica



Grid Infrastructure Copper, Silver

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Solar Panels & Specialized Technology Copper, Silver, Gold, Silica



Wind Turbines Copper, Zinc







A Commitment to Mineral Discovery and Economic Benefits in Manitoba

Beyond Manitoba's rich geological landscape, the province offers a robust exploration environment, bolstered by the MMDF, CEDF, collaborative industry partners, Indigenous Nations, engaged communities, and a skilled workforce.

The Manitoba Mineral Development Fund

The Manitoba Mineral Development Fund has supported more than 60 Mineral Exploration and Mining economic development projects since 2020.



Was awarded to more than **15** Mineral Exploration and Mining companies in 2022 from the MMDF program.



Was the top **commodity** for mineral exploration in Manitoba during 2022.



Key Insights From Supply Chain Analysis

iTOTEM conducted a detailed supply chain assessment based on the annual expenditures of early-stage to advanced mechanized exploration, representing Manitoba's mineral exploration industry. The year in scope was **2022**.

Winnipeg

Was the most accessed **municipality** for Vendors by the participating Exploration Discovered members over the study period of 2022.



Exploration Discovered found that participating MPDA members supported more than 490 Vendors in Manitoba during 2022 spanning across the province.



Exploration Discovered participating MPDA members reported ~\$176M supply chain expenditures in Manitoba in 2022.





Municipalities with Highest Vendor Count Reported

More than **50 municipalities** across Manitoba have a mineral exploration and mining sector supply chain.

The **top three** municipalities based on Vendor count are: **Winnipeg, Flin Flon** and **Snow Lake**.

Flin Flon

~75 Vendor Count



Mineral Exploration Supplier Type by Count



The categorization of Vendor Services in the exploration industry revealed that **Supporting Services** was the most accessed Vendor Category and **Equipment Rentals & Supplies** was the most used sub-category of Vendors in 2022.





Top Municipality by Supplier Type

Top Municipalities by Distribution of Vendor Count

Supply Chain Category	Top Municipality
Consulting & Technical Services	Winnipeg
Technical Consultants	Winnipeg
GIS Services	Flin Flon
Lab services (Analysis)	Winnipeg
Contractors	Winnipeg
Construction & Labour	Winnipeg
Drilling	Winnipeg
Other	Winnipeg
Support Services	Winnipeg
Accommodations & Camp supplies	Winnipeg
Administrative Services	Winnipeg
Equipment Rentals & Supplies	Winnipeg
IT & Telecommunication Services	Winnipeg
Logistics	Winnipeg
Safety & Training	Flin Flon



In 50 Manitoba municipalities, Mineral Exploration and Mining companies have engaged with an average of 10 Vendors per community, showcasing substantial local supply chain involvement across the province.







Mineral Exploration: A Voice of Confidence in Manitoba





Expectations for 2024



Exploration Discovered surveyed MPDA's ~ 100 members achieving a 25% participation rate. A semi-structured approach, incorporating a blend of open-ended and closed survey questions was used. The survey gathered information on investment confidence and plans for 2024.

Profile of Survey Participants by Mineral Exploration Vendor Type





Indigenous Participation

Exploration Discovered surveyed both Mineral Exploration companies and their Vendors regarding Indigenous partnerships and collaboration. This section reveals the areas of focus by each group.

60% of survey participants, including both Mineral Exploration companies and their Vendors, reported having a working agreement with an Indigenous group.

The Types of Collaboration Planned Between Indigenous Groups and Exploration Vendors in 2024





Focus of Agreements Between Indigenous Groups and Mineral Exploration Companies in 2024



Geological

Expediting
 Transportation

Camp / General Labour is the top area of collaboration planned in 2024 between Indigenous Groups and Exploration companies. Subcontracting is the top area of collaboration planned between Indigenous Groups and Mineral Exploration Vendors.

Climate & Community Impact



Areas of Anticipated Climate Monitoring by Exploration Companies and Vendors in 2024



- Air Quality
- Company Air Miles

Carboon Footprint

Fuel Consumption

Water Usage

- Other
- Wildfire Monitoring

73% of Exploration companies and the supply chain reported contributing to community programs with Arts,
Culture & Sports expected to be the most supported category of community investments in 2024.

Anticipated Community Investments in 2024





Fuel Consumption is the top area of anticipated environmental monitoring planned in 2024.



Our People





Foremost Lithium

As the world shifts towards sustainable energy and more specifically electric transportation, lithium-ion batteries are powering the transformation. At the forefront of the electrification revolution, is Foremost Lithium Resource & Technology, conducting lithium hard rock exploration in Manitoba. Its Lithium Lane Projects in Snow Lake are pivotal in meeting the growing demand for ethically sourced battery-grade lithium hydroxide, supporting the growing global focus on decarbonization and the transition towards electric vehicles.



Foremost Lithium is well-placed geographically offering easy access to North American battery and EV manufacturing centers. This geographic advantage is crucial given the legislative push in regions like Manitoba to boost the EV sector. The company's innovative exploration and development tactics, including advanced technologies like UAV-borne magnetic surveys, position Foremost Lithium as a significant contributor to the Manitoban economy and the future of clean energy.

Manitoba, with its rich geological landscape, presents an opportunity for lithium exploration. While the province is not traditionally known for lithium deposits, the hard rock pegmatites in the Snow Lake area are proving to be a promising frontier. The exploration is not just about tapping into new resources but also about understanding the broader implications of lithium commodification on the local and provincial economy.

Mark Fedicow, Geoscience Advisor at Foremost Lithium emphasizes the importance of lithium exploration for Manitoba's economy. "Electrification of our transportation system depends on the exploration and development of lithium and other critical metals documented from and produced historically in the Province of Manitoba. If the extraction of these resources is allowed to proceed then we can look forward to significant benefits in the form of employment and development opportunities in Snow Lake and elsewhere in Manitoba's northern communities where natural resource development is often the only significant source of revenue generation."



The *Canada Critical Mineral Strategy* emphasizes the vital role lithium plays as one of the six minerals crucial to Canada's economic growth. As the world transitions to a low-carbon economy there is an increasing demand for lithium-ion batteries and renewable energy storage. To meet this demand Foremost Lithium is positioning themselves at the forefront of this growing opportunity by focusing on lithium exploration in Manitoba, setting the province on the path to becoming a leader in lithium exploration and supporting the province's overall economic development.



Foremost Lithium, established in Vancouver in 2011, focuses on lithium exploration. The company began its exploration activities in Manitoba in 2017, focusing on Snow Lake in Northern Manitoba. Driven by lithium's potential to transform the global energy sector, the company is focused on exploration and growth on its 4 core projects in the region.



518 Drilling





In 2021, 518 Drilling emerged as both a new contender in the diamond drilling industry and a beacon of inclusivity and community engagement in Manitoba with its deep commitment to creating opportunities and fostering growth within the industry and in the communities it touches.

Central to 518 Drilling's ethos is its dedication to cultivating meaningful relationships and sharing prosperity within Indigenous communities. A testament to this commitment is its recent initiative to educate and empower Indigenous communities by hosting a full-day training session at the Central Canada Mineral Exploration Convention (CCMEC). Members of Indigenous communities were able to learn about the mineral exploration industry and the work being done in diamond drilling.

Furthermore, participants who completed the session, with the support of 518, went on to pursue a promising career in the mineral exploration industry. 518's inclusivity is most effectively demonstrated by its diverse workforce, "it's gratifying to see the level of interest and participation from the Indigenous community in this sector. We are proud to have 20% of our workforce represent Métis and First Nations individuals from communities including Haluwater and Red Sucker Lake." – Kevin Norberg

518 Drilling recognizes the importance of community benefits beyond employment, as evidenced in their efforts to participate in and sponsor events like the MPDA Golf Tournament Gala .



To further maintain and nurture community relationships, 518 team members regularly engage with Indigenous communities by hosting events such as bingo, community meals, and clothing / item donations. As a result, the community stays connected to the company and the mineral exploration industry at large.

Looking to the future, 518 Drilling remains committed to deepening its work with communities in Manitoba. To ensure that future growth is sustainable and beneficial for all stakeholders, 518 Drilling is continuing its dialogue with Indigenous communities to understand and address environmental concerns and ensure the benefits of the mineral exploration industry are shared.



Established in 2021, 518 Drilling is a diamond drilling service provider based in Winnipeg. While actively engaging in exploration, the company specializes in offering high-quality drilling services to exploration firms throughout the province. Notably recognized for fostering **Indigenous participation**, 518 Drilling plays a crucial role in Manitoba's mineral exploration sector.

T2 Metals





T2 Metals, an emerging copper exploration company in North America, is making significant strides with its flagship Sherridon project in Manitoba. The project focuses on exploring the untapped copper resources while prioritizing environmental stewardship and community collaboration.

From the onset, T2 Metals recognized the intrinsic value of the Sherridon project, buoyed by its advantageous location, robust infrastructure, and the potential to transition from exploration to a full-fledged mine. With a clear vision and commitment to diligent exploration, T2 Metals has been pivotal in navigating the project through its critical phases of drilling and exploration.

T2 Metals shines with respect to the local communities and the environment. The company's engagement is highlighted by its partnership with Floyd North, someone who has built a career fostering relationships and opportunities with Indigenous communities, particularly with the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation. The partnership has facilitated employment opportunities and spearheaded the establishment of a sawmill operation within the community. The operation is an example of T2 Metals' dedication to empowering local communities, fostering economic independence, and nurturing sustainable growth.



"I feel very lucky to be working in jurisdictions where there are great communities leading with productive relationships and partnerships" shares T2 Metals senior consultant, Jamil Sader, reflecting on the importance of building lasting relationships. Through Floyd North, T2 Metals has engaged in a cultural learning experience resulting in a deeper understanding of the community's traditions and an appreciation for their culture and perspective.

Environmental consciousness plays a significant role in T2 Metals' operational philosophy. Mindful of the historical environmental challenges in the Sherridon area, the company has adopted a meticulous approach to minimizing its ecological footprint from securing the necessary permits to engaging in transparent communication with the local communities through events such as town hall meetings. As T2 Metals continues to navigate the balance between exploration and environmental stewardship, the company remains steadfast in its commitment to leaving a minimal footprint and a harmonious coexistence with the local communities.

T2 Metals, an exploration company located in Northern region of Manitoba, exploring for copper gold, and zinc deposits. With head offices located in Vancouver BC. T2 Metals work in Manitoba is within the Sherridon community, as the company works with the local communities to advance exploration projects and uncover valuable mineral resources.



Appendices

SECTION



The Data and Processing

Received data from each participating MPDA member for each of their Vendor spend for their operations in Manitoba with vendor names, city, cost code (account description), date of spend etc.

Data Categorisation

- Business Segments
- Community Spend Categories
- Identify all Indigenous spends and associated First Nations for respective Vendors
- Supply Chain Sub-Categories & Master Categories

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Data Cleaning

- · Identify and remove duplicate Vendor names
- · Identify and remove duplicate City names
- Normalize Vendor names
- Normalize City Names
- Modify Vendor City to HO for utilities and similar service companies
- Correct Vendor Province
- Identify and Exclude spends for locations out of scope
- Identify and Exclude spends for period out of scope
- Identify and Exclude non supply chain spends as exclusions

Each spend was tagged by

Appendix A

- Vendor's Region of the Province
- Indigenous Affiliation
- Supply Chain Sub-Categories & Master Categories
- Community Investment Categories





Methodology

Appendix B



Focus Area	Assumptions
Categorization	 All Vendor expenses were tagged to the mineral exploration supply chain based on 12 goods, materials, and service subcategories in accordance with the account descriptions provided by the members in their data. These 12 categories were further grouped together into three master supply chain categories,
Geographic References	Vendors were tagged by municipality or unincorporated community according to the PCCF Dataset from Canada Post.
Limitations and Notes	 iTOTEM relied on the accuracy of the information provided by MPDA and MPDA ED participants regarding their supply chain and community investment expenditures and the respective locations of the Vendors in Canada. However, the same has been validated using credible data sources like PCCF dataset from Canada Post.
Quality Assurance Data Changes and Exclusions	 A QA process was run to remove duplications, standardize spellings and apply exclusions. All the spends relating to taxes/levies/Government fees were excluded from the analysis iTOTEM ran a validation process with the MPDA and MPDA participants to assure the data veracity.
Rounding and Margin of Error	 \$ were rounded to the nearest million or thousand. Counts were rounded down to nearest 5s and 10s. It's estimated a margin of error of up to 1% for the unique count of Vendors provincewide.
Unique Vendor Counts	 A Vendor can be tagged in more than one municipality, but this does not change the total number of unique Vendors in the province, or Canada nor does it change the total number of unique Vendors in a municipality. The unique Vendor count means the Vendor is counted once. In situations where the same Vendor operated in more than one location, but spelling was recorded differently, the spelling was standardized, and duplications excluded. The locations of the Vendors were extracted from postal codes; postal codes were verified with Canada Post. In situations where a postal code was not provided, an additional validation process, involving google map API base in-house application, was applied; failing this, the Vendor location is part of the margin of error.

Methodology

Appendix C



Focus Area	Assumptions
Community Investment	All the expenses that are carried out for the charitable and sponsorship purposes that are beneficial to the community.
	According to Statistics Canada, 'A business is considered Indigenous-owned if more than 50% of its shares are owned by Indigenous people— individuals who reported being First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit); those who reported Registered or Treaty Indian status, registered under the Indian Act of Canada; or those who reported membership in a First Nation or Indian band.'
	Source: https://www.statcan.gc.ca
Indigenous-Affiliated Vendor	Accordingly, for the ED the definition of Indigenous Peoples is applied, and the supply chain participation includes both majority and minority Indigenous business ownership structures ensuing commercial benefit. Without the ability to confirm majority ownership structure of each business, the SVR conservatively reports all Indigenous participation based only as being 'Indigenous-Affiliated'.
	Definition - All the Vendors that are or owned by Indigenous people — individuals who reported being First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit); those who reported Registered or Treaty Indian status, registered under the Indian Act of Canada; or those who reported membership in a First Nation or Indian band, irrespective of the ownership structure of the Vendors being majority owned.
Vendor	Contractors/Consultants and other professionals, materials as well as goods and service providers to the member companies of Manitoba's Prospectors & Developers Association (MPDA)
Province & Territories	Statistics Canada has been used as a resource for standardized abbreviations for Provinces and Territories in ED.
Standard Abbreviations	Source: Dictionary, Census of Population, 2021 - Table 1.8 Abbreviations and codes for provinces and territories, 2021 Census

Supply Chain Categories

Appendix D



Category	Description		
Consulting & Technical S	Consulting & Technical Services		
Consultants	Engineering, Environmental, Geological, Project Management, Regulatory Advisor		
GIS Services	GIS Mapping, LiDAR Survey, Radiometric / Magnetics Survey, Remote Sensing, Satellite Surveyors		
Lab Services (Analysis)	Assaying, Chemical Analysis, Geochemistry, Petrographic Services		
Contractors			
Construction & Labour	Drill Pad Construction, Electrical Work, Field Building Construction		
Drilling	Drilling Contractors & Support		
Other	Media / News, Pest Control, Waste Management		
Support Services			
Accommodations & Camp Supplies	Camp Electrical Work, Camp Setup, Cooks, Field / Mobile Offices, Groceries & Food Supplies, Hotel / Motel.		
Administrative Services	Accounting, Financial Services, Insurance, Lawyers		
Equipment Supply & Rentals	Auto parts, Core Boxes, Drilling Instruments, Forklifts, Misc. parts & equipment, Truck Rental, Water Monitors		
IT & Telecommunications Services	Communications Equipment, Remote Internet, Satellite Phone, Software		
Logistics	Couriers, Freight, Fuel, Helicopter Charter, Storage, Transportation, Trucking		
Safety & Training	Cultural Monitors, First Aid Courses, Health & Fitness, Helicopter, Remote Medic		

iTOTEM Analytics

- iTOTEM Analytics is an Indigenousaffiliated purpose-driven data science and communications firm with locations in British Columbia, New Brunswick and Texas. Since 2014, we've been helping businesses and not-for-profits simplify complex data to tell their story and improve operations.
- We specialize in mapping, visualizing and reporting climate, economic, social and innovation benefits by neighborhood or province. Using data science, machine learning, and AI, we categorize and visualize the positive impact of investments on Indigenous and local communities.
- Our team of data scientists, engineers, mathematicians, software developers, communications and policy specialists do the hard work for clients so they can focus on the priorities to move projects forward. We see the people behind the numbers and transform data into trust.

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Government Sources



Government Sources	
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