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Sent: May 20, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC); Media
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Subject: For MO Approval: Media Response - Tier 1 / COVID-19 — List of contracts for medical supplies / The Canadian Press

Hey Cecely, yes, we have a previously approved sentence or two we can drop in there. Will get you something back shortly.

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Hi there,

I have made some adjustments below in red with a comment in green text. If it's possible to get this additional language included, I'll take another quick look at the final response before it goes out.

Thanks so much,

Cecely Roy

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Begin forwarded message:

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Cecely, James,

For MO approval, please. The content comes from preapproved media responses.

Merci,

Stefanie

Media heads-up

The Canadian Press

Levitz, Stephanie (The Canadian Press)

Date call received: May-19-20 at 13:25

Deadline: May-20-20 at 17:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 — List of contracts for medical supplies

CONTEXT (for your information):

The reporter is seeking a list of all Canadian companies having signed contracts with the Government of Canada to manufacture medical supplies to help fight COVID-19. The reporter has already consulted PSPC's website for the latest information about COVID-19 procurement efforts.

Reference:

Supplying the Canadian healthcare sector in response to COVID-19

<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/comm/mc-cd/provisions-supplies-eng.html>

VALUE STATEMENT:

The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies, and services to combat COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is taking an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to personal protective equipment for frontline healthcare workers. This includes:

- Ordering ahead in bulk on behalf of provinces and territories
- Supplementing those orders by purchasing limited-availability supplies that are immediately available;
- Ramping up the domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Q1. On Public Services and Procurement Canada's website, a sample of the Canadian companies who've signed contracts with the federal government to produce COVID-19-related medical supplies is provided. Can you please provide me with the full list of companies, as well as the dollar value for each contract?

The Government of Canada is engaged in an unprecedented effort to acquire supplies and equipment to ensure that our front-line healthcare workers and Canadians stay safe and healthy. We are aggressively procuring in the global marketplace, while facing the risks posed by fragile supply chains, the fluidity of the current situation, and a surge in demand.

In order to protect the integrity of our procurement processes, as well as the integrity of global supply chains, we need to exercise caution at this time with information we are providing **about specific suppliers. so as not to jeopardize any of our orders.**

Some of the procurements being carried out in response to COVID-19 are being done under a national security exception (NSE), meaning that **the associated** solicitation documents are not published on Buyandsell.

Include language around what would normally be required under trade agreements

This allows the response to move rapidly as we purchase goods and services to protect the health and safety of Canadians as we face this pandemic. Similar procurement flexibilities are being applied by other countries around the world, due to COVID-19.

However, we are posting some solicitation documents for COVID-19 related procurements on Buyandsell, **particularly where the timeline to secure the particular good or service allows for more flexibility.**

~~, particularly in cases where we need to broaden our search for information or sources of supply.~~ For example, we recently published a Request for Proposal for logistics services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Another example is the Notice of Proposed Procurement for cloth face masks, which we recently published on behalf of the Department of National Defence.

We have also publicly announced several contracts over the past few weeks and will continue to do so. We are also providing information about our response, for example, by posting details of our orders and deliveries of personal protective equipment online.