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Subject: For MO Approval: Media Response / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Call-out for expertise and resources / Freelance

Good morning Emily and Cecely,

Here's the proposed response for MO approval. New info in purple.

Merci,
Marc

Media response

Freelance

Pratka, Ruby (Freelance)

Date call received: March-25-20 at 11:00

Deadline: March-26-20 at 17:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Call-out for expertise and resources

CONTEXT (for your information): The freelance reporter is following up on the Prime Minister's tweet yesterday where he called on CEGEPs and universities to contribute expertise and resources through BuyandSell.

She is requesting to speak to someone to better understand how the use of the platform, normally used by large national/multinational companies, would work for a CEGEP or university, as well as current procurement rules and procedures in light of COVID-19.

It is recommended to decline the interview and provide a written response.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. How has the response to the COVID-19 pandemic changed government procurement procedures?

Q2. Why are you reaching out to educational institutions now?

Q3. What kind of expertise and resources are you hoping that universities and CEGEPs are able to contribute?

Q4. Are you expecting these supplies to be sold, donated or lent to the government?

Q5. How has the BuyandSell platform been adapted to allow smaller organizations like CEGEPs to submit proposals?

Q6. What are the first steps if a post-secondary institution wants to submit a proposal?

Q7. Do you know how many proposals/expressions of interest you have received from educational institutions in the past few days?

The health and safety of Canadians is the government's top priority as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is supporting the whole-of-government response to COVID-19 by spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency equipment, supplies and services for federal, provincial and territorial needs.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, Buyandsell.gc.ca remains the Government of Canada's tendering system, where businesses and entrepreneurs can find opportunities to sell their goods and services to federal departments and agencies.

On March 12, we issued a proactive call-out, on Buyandsell.gc.ca, asking all suppliers to come forward with products and/or services they could offer to support Canada's response. Suppliers of any of the goods or services listed on Buyandsell are encouraged to fill out our online submission form

As of March 25, PSPC had received more than 14,000 responses to the call-out from suppliers.

For information related to the contribution of institutions like universities, colleges, polytechnic and CEGEPs to the Government's response to COVID-19, please contact ISED.