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From: Gordon2, Travis (HC/SC)
Sent: March 21, 2020 4:32 PM
To: 'Theis, Rick'; Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC)
Cc: Nowers, Kathryn (HC/SC)
Subject: RE: Urgent. procurement of N95 masks

Hey,

Got a bit of colour from officials. When PHAC staff are assessing they don't necessarily know the manufacturer, they may be working through the distributor.

PHAC is looking for three types of N95s:

- 3-599/15 N95 Mask 3M1870+
- 3-599/13 N95 Mask 3M1860
- 3-599/14 N95 Mask 3M1860S

Not all N95s meet these standards and many are not medical-grade. If suppliers come in with viable alternatives, PAC reviews the specifications. While the specs we're looking for are modelled off of 3M products, there are other types of certifications they are also interested in including those compliant with US FDA and WHO certifications.

For those that don't meet the specs, but may be viable, PHAC reviews the variations with their biocontainment engineering and clinical nursing teams to see if they could work.

In this case, the product wouldn't have met those specifications. I'm told that PHAC/PSPC have been inundated with offers for N95s – some very good, but apparently rarely medical grade.

TG

From: Theis, Rick <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Sent: 2020-03-19 8:54 PM
To: Gordon2, Travis (HC/SC) <travis.gordon2@canada.ca>; Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC) <kelly.murdock@canada.ca>
Cc: Nowers, Kathryn (HC/SC) <kathryn.nowers@canada.ca>
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Thx all. Not at all urgent. Just curious.

From: Gordon2, Travis (HC/SC) <travis.gordon2@canada.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC) <kelly.murdock@canada.ca>; Theis, Rick <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
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No but will pull from PHAC.

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----- Original message -----

From: "Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC)" <kelly.murdock@canada.ca>
Date: 2020-03-19 8:33 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Theis, Rick" <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Cc: "Gordon2, Travis (HC/SC)" <travis.gordon2@canada.ca>, "Nowers, Kathryn (HC/SC)" <kathryn.nowers@canada.ca>
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Usually it's a technical reason or concerns with the quality and manufacturing practices but I don't know what it was in this case. Travis/Kathryn, do you have details?

From: Theis, Rick [<mailto:Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>]
Sent: March 19, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC) <kelly.murdock@canada.ca>
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K, thanks for looping back Kelly. Did they tell you why they rejected? Just curious. Presume they don't meet guidelines?

From: Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC) <kelly.murdock@canada.ca>
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Connected with my department... there were initial discussions, but PHAC rejected the Honeywell masks.

From: Theis, Rick [<mailto:Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>]
Sent: March 19, 2020 3:51 PM
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Thx. Lemme know what your dept suggests. Totally understand that masks may not be priority, BUT, I do take the point of 1) need to build up a stock, and 2) them signing deals with others, which could limit our access if we ended up needing.

From: Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC) <kelly.murdock@canada.ca>
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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 19, 2020, at 3:44 PM, Theis, Rick <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Kelly. Can you flip me a link to the portal?

From: Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC) <kelly.murdock@canada.ca>
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The portal is generally where we're pushing people, since we don't have the capacity to be interacting every supplier individually. For context, we're up to over 5500 submissions as of this afternoon.

I'll follow up with officials on this one; our ADM Procurement has been negotiating directly with key suppliers for in-demand products. That said, right now N95 masks are not the top priority. So far they haven't been as hard to procure as some of the other items on the PHAC order sheet.

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Thanks Rick. Adding Kelly from PSPC. PSPC is managing the bulk ordering and we are working with PTs to have them identify their needs to us. We are ordering on behalf of all PTs, so there's no need for Honeywell to create contracts one-by-one with provinces.

I'll leave it to Kelly to advise on the solicitation approach that PSPC is taking for suppliers who need to be wined and dined.

In terms of the HC side, given that they already supply the Canadian market their licenses should all be in order, so no action needed on that front. In the event they're not on the Canadian market, I am certain they are under the American market – and our Interim Order on medical devices will essentially allow a turnaround for licencing/approvals in a matter of hours given that I assume they have approval from the FDA for these masks.

Thanks,
Travis

From: Theis, Rick <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Sent: 2020-03-19 3:08 PM
To: Nowers, Kathryn (HC/SC) <kathryn.nowers@canada.ca>; Gordon2, Travis (HC/SC) <travis.gordon2@canada.ca>
Subject: FW: Urgent. procurement of N95 masks

Flagging in case they had not been in touch with you.

From: Surkes, Marci <Marci.Surkes@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Stickney, Matt <Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Theis, Rick <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Urgent. procurement of N95 masks

Can you direct where appropriate? Thanks

Begin forwarded message:

From: Elly Alboim <Elly@earnsccliffe.ca>
Date: March 19, 2020 at 9:45:03 AM EDT
To: 'Marci Surkes' <[REDACTED]> 'Marci Surkes
(Marci.surkes@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)" <Marci.surkes@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Subject: Urgent. procurement of N95 masks

From my colleague....

From: Sarah Goldfeder <sgoldfeder@earnsccliffe.ca>
Sent: March-19-20 9:41 AM
To: Elly Alboim <Elly@earnsccliffe.ca>
Subject: procurement of N95 masks

Honeywell has the capacity to manufacture of N95 masks for Canada. They are looking to help, the response I was given was for them to go to the portal.

I passed the message along to the company, and the business unit is considering it. But they most likely won't do it. They won't do it because they have multiple customers knocking down their (virtual) door.

They are interested in helping and if Canada is in need, I am confident this company would step up – but the portal process is unlikely to be added to their queue. Like I noted above, they have a lot of potential customers coming to them right now, so they will focus on those that are most aggressive about their needs.

If Canada needs these masks – the company was at one point (yesterday) open to dedicating to a line to production for Canada in their Tijuana facility (they have already done this for the U.S. – at their U.S. facility, the MX facility is not part of the U.S. order fulfillment) – it would be worth considering an avenue other than this portal to secure those.

Honeywell was also clear that it did not have the resources to reach out to all the individual provinces and create smaller contracts one-by-one. Their business unit is swamped – if Canada needs these, we need to be aggressive about it.

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