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Sent: May 7, 2020 11:15 PM
To: Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: Fwd: For MO approval: Media response / Tier 4 - Medical tents for Cree nation in Manitoba / CBC News (Montreal)

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From: "Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC)" <cecely.roy@canada.ca>
Date: May 7, 2020 at 9:03:35 PM EDT
To: Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>
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Subject: **Re: For MO approval: Media response / Tier 4 - Medical tents for Cree nation in Manitoba / CBC News (Montreal)**

As long as it's in reference to the same RFP - let's please use the same response.

Thanks!

Cecely Roy

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On May 7, 2020, at 5:25 PM, Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca> wrote:

Hello MO!

Vanessa Adams from Minister Miller's office received the enquiry below asking about a comment on the medical tents provided to the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation.

We recommend sending the same response that was provided to the Winnipeg Free Press earlier today.

We will wait for your confirmation to send the response to the reporter.

Merci

Michèle

Media heads-up

CBC News (Montreal)

Deer, Jessica (CBC News (Montreal))

Date call received: May-07-20 at 16:00

Deadline: May-07-20 at 18:00

Tier 4 - Medical tents for Cree nation in Manitoba

CONTEXT (for your information):

We received from ISC (which was received in their MO) a CBC enquiry about the medical tents provided to the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation.

We recommend sending the same response that was provided to the Winnipeg Free Press earlier today.

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 everything that is 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.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Indigenous run businesses are undoubtedly an important part of the Canadian economy, and the government is committed to working with Indigenous partners to increase access to opportunities and enable prosperity.

A requirement for the provision of Medical, Isolation and Accommodations shelters to be delivered urgently to remote Indigenous communities was processed by Public Services and Procurement Canada on behalf of Indigenous Services Canada as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the unprecedented needs that have arisen as we face COVID-19, an urgent and accelerated timeline for contracting has been required in certain cases to support the response in communities across the country.

In this instance, a National Security Exception was invoked and, as a result, this Request for Proposal (RFP) was not published on [Buyandsell.gc.ca](https://buyandsell.gc.ca). The RFP was sent to a source list of known suppliers for this commodity as well as suppliers that identified as having the ability to provide this type of product in support of [Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#) to ensure that this lifesaving equipment was secured and distributed as soon as possible.

Many PSPC procurements related to the COVID-19 response are being done under National Security Exception (NSE). Such solicitation documents are not publicly available.

Indigenous businesses have the full support of the federal government and we will continue to work with all partners to increase access to future opportunities.

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