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Subject: Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Follow-up: Request for Information / CBC National News (Parliamentary Bureau)

The following media request has been identified as **Tier 1**.

Communications sector will work with your group to develop the first draft response. New information not previously approved should be identified in purple.

Highest level of approval: MO
Program ADM approved response: March-16-20 at 16:30

Media heads-up
CBC National News (Parliamentary Bureau)
Thompson, Elizabeth (CBC National News (Parliamentary Bureau))
Date call received: March-16-20 at 11:50
Deadline: March-17-20 at 15:00
Tier 1 - COVID-19: Follow-up - Request for Information

CONTEXT (for your information): The reporter followed up with a few additional questions.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. How does the call out work with the existing standing offer holders? Does the government turn to them first then go to the new suppliers if the existing ones can't meet the demand?

Q2. Would it be possible to find out how many suppliers have responded to the call out and in what kinds of categories?

Q3. Is there any restriction or preference to Canadian companies or manufacturers.

Q4. Do you have any stats on the government's existing supplies of the items on the call out list?

Q5. What happens once a potential supplier answers the call out? Are there verifications on the company and/or the products they say they can supply?

Response provided on Friday, March 13:

COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving global challenge. The Government of Canada is working closely with local, provincial, territorial, and international partners to minimize its health, economic, and social impacts in Canada and around the world.

The Government of Canada is taking action with a whole-of-government response to COVID-19. This includes establishing a more than \$1 billion COVID-19 Response Fund and making \$10 billion available for businesses through the Business Development Bank and Export Development Canada, amongst other initiatives.

On Monday, March 9, the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister wrote to all Premiers announcing our intention to lead a bulk procurement efforts on healthcare supplies responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. We stand ready to respond to any further procurement needs from provinces and territories.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) as the Government of Canada's central purchaser, is spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency supplies and services required for Canada, including at the federal, provincial and territorial levels. We recognize that some of these goods are in high demand around the world, and therefore in addition to leveraging existing sources of supply, Public Services and Procurement Canada is proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs and also to ensure that providers have a clear pathway to connect with the Government of Canada if they are able to supply goods and services that may be of use. This is consistent with the response from other countries affected by the pandemic.

Public Services and Procurement Canada has stood-up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are implementing flexible and innovative procurement approaches to best meet Canada's needs. To ensure that we are effectively engaging industry and potential avenues for purchasing, our procurement approach includes a call to suppliers who may be able to provide products and services and are invited to visit <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19> .

The call to suppliers was posted to the Government of Canada's buy and sell webpage on March 12.