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**From:** Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** 'Vosguian, Vasken'  
**Subject:** RE: General lines on Procurement

Hey—Here's the full set. We have a Q&A that gets more into detail if you're looking for something that isn't here:

- The whole-of-government is focused on responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, and working with partners at all levels of government, and with industry, to ensure Canadians and their families are safe.
- Our government is working closely with federal partners, provinces and territories to assess needs, and identify priority items, in order to guide our consolidated federal purchase of required emergency supplies and services.
- PSPC's dedicated team of procurement specialists are implementing flexible and innovative procurement approaches to accelerate Canada's response to the pandemic.
- We stand ready to take further action to support the provinces and territories, our frontline health workers, and Canadians.

### (PPE PROCUREMENT)

- Public Services and Procurement Canada is working directly with suppliers across the country, and internationally, to source personal protective equipment (PPE) and other products.
- We have already made a bulk order of personal protective equipment and medical supplies for several jurisdictions, and we are securing additional supplies for the federal Stockpile. Deliveries are underway.
- To ensure that we are effectively identifying additional avenues for purchasing, we have issued a call to suppliers who may be able to provide products and services to meet current and future needs, and we are receiving a strong response from industry.

### If pressed (REQUEST FOR INFO):

- We recognize that some of these goods are in high demand around the world, and we are leveraging existing sources of supply while also proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs.
- We have issued a call to suppliers who may be able to provide products and services to meet current and future needs to ensure that we are effectively identifying additional avenues for purchasing, and we are receiving a strong response from industry.
- We are ensuring that providers have a clear pathway to supply goods and services that may be of use, as well as establishing a database of additional suppliers that may be used to meet future increased demand.

### (ASSESSMENT AND TENDERING):

- The submissions we receive are assessed based on the requirements set by the Public Health Agency of Canada.
- Our team is determining what procurement approaches will be used for each contract or commodity.
- We are implementing a variety of flexible and innovative procurement approaches, with the primary objective of meeting Canada's needs.

### *If-pressed:*

- We are working in collaboration with PHAC to ensure the necessary certification documents are in place while implementing flexible, innovative and fast procurement approaches to best meet Canada's needs.

### (CAPACITY BUILDING)

- Procurement efforts will support the ramping up and building of domestic capacity, protecting jobs and securing long-term investment in Canada.
- We are building Canadian industrial capacity to serve our needs for the short and long terms. These efforts will help keep Canadians safe and healthy, while also ensuring a reliable domestic supply.

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**Subject:** General lines on Procurement

Hey Tristan, do you guys have general lines on the procurement of medical equipment?

Thanks,

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