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Sent: August 24, 2020 5:57 PM
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Cc: Arya, Chandra - Assistant 2; Arya, Chandra - Riding 1; Ismail, Tasha (IC)
Subject: RE: Ottawa Company - Made in Canada PPE

Let us know to whom it has been referred to at ISED.

Chandra Arya

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Good Afternoon,

The response provided by our dept officials to this inquiry is below:

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is further to your email of August 11, 2020, regarding Mr. Michael Hothi, President of Trico Packaging and Print Solutions Inc. (formerly Trico Evolution), who is enquiring about long-term government contracts involving personal protective equipment bids for Ontario manufacturers.

I have carefully reviewed the matter you have raised and have determined that it falls under the mandate of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Therefore, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the office of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, for consideration.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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Please provide us info for response.

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From: Michael Hothi <mhothi@tricopps.com>
Sent: August 11, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Michael Hothi <mhothi@tricopps.com>
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We have recently become aware of another purported “closed door” single source purchase awarded by the federal Government involving a long term contract for the purchase of PPE. According to a recent article published in the Toronto Sun by Sun Media, a Quebec Company (ADM Medicom Inc.) has been awarded a \$382,000,000 sole source contract for PPE.

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/ottawa-signed-a-10-year-382-million-sole-sourced-contract-with-amd-medicom-for-medical-masks/ar-BB17NV8F?ocid=msedgdp>

Why weren't any Ontario manufacturers included in the purchase?
It seems as though the Province of Quebec was involved in the 10 year contract, was Ontario involved or approached?

Some key points we would like to bring to your attention are;

1. Our Operations at Trico Packing and Print Solutions Inc. includes operation in a 60,000 sq ft facility with zero funding received to start up our PPE manufacturing operations. Medicom received \$4 million in funding for start up for 60,000 sq ft facility.
2. Trico has been operational as of July 1, 2020 producing over 2 million masks monthly. Medicom has yet to confirm its operational status and quantities being produced in Canada (as purported in the article).
3. Trico currently has over 20 employees involved in our PPE manufacturing and sales and looks to be expanding that to over 40 in the coming months.

Some of the questions and concerns we have are;

1. How is it that Trico was fully operational and followed all protocol, yet the contract seems to be single sourced?
2. Where any other Canadian mask manufacturers approached?
3. Considering the number of mask manufacturers in Canada, wouldn't it be in the best interest for the Government to have an open and transparent bidding process?

The contract itself is very sizable and seems to be a lengthier term than most. With tens of millions of masks required, the Federal Government has secured 33 jobs at the newly built facility. If the Government would have allowed for a coordinated and collective approach by contracting several manufacturers; more Canadian would have been employed. Last but not least, we are interested in the details of the contract i.e.: the price point, production rates, timelines, terms of the contract.

I am looking to you, my Member of Parliament to help me understand how this contract was awarded and why we have yet to be contacted and compete for contracts such as this one.

In full transparency, I have had previous discussions with Minister Fedelli, Minister Mcleoad and other dignitaries in regards the opening of our facility with no responses. Now that we are fully operational, I will also be contacting Minister Fedelli as well as the Premier's Office asking the same questions of the Ontario Government.

I anxiously await your written response.

