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Subject: RE: COVID-19 contract info

Thanks, James.

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My pleasure.

To save time for anyone who may be working on this today or over the week-end – I'm pasting below a statement attributable to Minister Anand.

We will, of course, also be happy to answer any questions!

Thanks,
James

"The Government of Canada is dedicating approximately \$6-billion to buying personal protective equipment, medical equipment and supplies to keep Canadians safe. This includes \$4.5-billion as part of the Safe Restart Agreement. We have pursued an aggressive procurement strategy and are diversifying our supply chains in order to meet immediate demands for PPE as well as to prepare for future needs, including a potential second wave. This strategy is delivering results for Canadians in terms of securing much needed supplies and also engaging Canadian industry.

To date, Canada has signed contracts totaling approximately \$6-billion on behalf of: the Public Health Agency of Canada to provide PPE to provinces and territories; federal departments and agencies; and the Essential Services Contingency Reserve. More than 80 per cent of the total value of these agreements are with Canadian companies that supply or distribute PPE. Contracts totaling nearly \$2.5-billion are with Canadian manufacturers, many of which were identified through call-outs issued by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) and Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada.

We will continue to procure PPE and other supplies in order to keep Canadians safe through this pandemic. As the economy gradually re-opens, demand for PPE will continue to go up – and we are keeping up."

Minister Anita Anand

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Thanks for the heads up, James.

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Hi both of you,

Apologies for this coming out on a Friday afternoon – it was certainly not our intention, but here we are.

I just wanted to flag that we have posted a significant amount of information about our COVID-19 procurement contracts. There is still some information that has been held back (most notably are some company names). As our procurement work is ongoing – we do need to continue to protect our ability to obtain certain items.

Links are here:

<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/comm/aic-scr/contrats-contracts-eng.html>

<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/comm/aic-scr/contrats-contracts-fra.html>

Thanks,
James

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