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Subject: Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Canadian medical supplies / Toronto Star

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: May-02-20 at 17:00

Media heads-up

Toronto Star

Winsa, Patty (Toronto Star)

Date call received: May-02-20 at 13:33

Deadline: May-04-20 at 12:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Canadian medical supplies

CONTEXT (for your information):

This is a follow-up request from the reporter. This request is led by PHAC and they want PSPS's input for Q2.

VALUE STATEMENT:

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1 - What has the response been to the call by the federal government for medical devices that we are low on...(<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/080.nsf/eng/00048.html>) (ISED + PHAC)

Q2 - How many deals have been made and for what products (such as...not all of them) (PSPC)

Q3- Which departments are vetting the applications? (PHAC will draft a response and send our way for consult.)

Previous request & response sent by PHAC:

REQUEST: Is it possible to get a comment on the how the government is vetting companies that are offering medical supplies but need government funding? The company I'm writing about mentioned that they waited weeks to speak to someone at the federal level and that it was because other deals with other companies fell through due to problems, such as an inability to get a device validated in time or validated period.

Is it possible to get a comment on what some of the challenges have been.

Q: *Can you provide some details on how this process works?*

On March 20, 2020, the Prime Minister announced the Canadian Industrial Response Plan to combat COVID-19. We are all in this together, and Canadian industry has stepped up to address Canada's needs for critical equipment and supplies, providing a truly made-in-Canada response.

To date, nearly 6,000 Canadian companies have contacted us to offer their expertise and capacity. The Government is engaging with all companies that have submitted the offer of support through our Call to Action to assess how they can support the urgent needs of Canadians and front line health workers, working with partners across government to leverage Canadian industrial expertise.

Q: *Can a company get an order from the federal government – say for swabs – and get funding from the innovation fund, or is that for something else?*

Procurement of supplies is managed by Public Services and Procurement Canada.

As part of the Canadian Industrial Response Plan announced on March 20, the Strategic Innovation Fund can provide rapid support to Canadian companies that are working on large-scale and later-stage promising research and development projects aimed at providing medical countermeasures to COVID-19, including vaccines and critical medical supplies.

Innovative Solutions Canada has dedicated funding for research and development and testing prototypes in real-life settings to combat COVID 19. For further information regarding the funding and application parameters for the program's Challenge Stream and Testing Stream, please visit: <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/101.nsf/eng/00096.html>

More information on the resources available to businesses can be found at [COVID-19 related programs and services for businesses](#) where companies can find information on federal, provincial and territorial COVID-19 supports as well as more than 900 other programs and services aimed at helping businesses grow and scale

Q: *Has the government had a lot of interest from companies looking to supply PPE and swabs since the call went out?*

To date, Innovation, Science and Economic Development has received nearly 6,000 responses to the Call to Action from companies across the country. Each of these offers gets a direct call from ISED officials so that we can quickly get them supporting the urgent need for personal protective equipment.