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Subject: REVISED - For MO approval: Media Response / Tier 4 - COVID-19 – Info on call out for supplies / Toronto Star

Good afternoon,

Revised, for MO approval, please. Please note the statement below is the same as the one currently in approval with your office, with the exception of the highlighted content.
The reporter is expecting a response by 5:30 pm.

Thank you,

Stéfanie

The following media request has been identified as **Tier 4**.

Media heads-up

Toronto Star

Oved, Marco (Toronto Star)

Date call received: March-23-20 at 14:10

Deadline: March-23-20 at 17:30

Tier 4 - COVID-19 – Info on call out for supplies

CONTEXT (for your information):

The reporter is requesting a short interview to discuss the details on the call out for supplies related to COVID-19.

He would like a sense of what kind of supplies are equipments are being offered by suppliers.

Reference: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19>

A general statement is currently in approval with MO, which will be used to respond to another request on the same subject.

Additional content has been provided and highlighted in yellow.

Media Relations recommends declining the request for interview and, once approved, provide the general statement instead.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

The health and safety of Canadians is the government's top priority as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. We encourage all Canadians to follow the recommendations of public health officials to protect the health and safety of Canadians

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is supporting the whole-of-Government response to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) by spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency equipment, supplies and services for the federal, provincial and territorial community at large. We have stood up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are tapping into existing supply arrangements and employing innovative, flexible approaches to make sure Canada has the equipment, supplies and services it needs to effectively respond.

On March 12, we issued a proactive [call-out](#), asking all suppliers to come forward with products and/or services they could offer to support Canada's response. As of March 22, PSPC had received more than 11,000 responses to the call-out. Given the large number of responses, PSPC is prioritizing those related to identified personal protective equipment needs.

We have already purchased a broad range of personal protective equipment and supplies, including swabs, tests kits, gloves, masks and gowns, and we continue to work with available suppliers, domestically and internationally, who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs.