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Sent: March 19, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Media
Cc: Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC); Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC); Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC); Bryan Blom; Reza, Arianne (Ext.)
Subject: Re: Media Heads-Up / Tier 4 - COVID-19: RFI on health supplies and PPE / The Globe and Mail

The response below is approved **with an updated submissions number**. We are hearing that it is more than 5,500 at this point.

Please confirm the updated number before sending.

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On Mar 19, 2020, at 2:30 PM, Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca> wrote:

****Unless advised otherwise, we will send the preapproved response below after receiving MO's approval.**

We only need to adjust the number of interested suppliers we received so far. **

Highest level of approval: MO

Media heads-up
The Globe and Mail
Berthour, Patrick (The Globe and Mail)
Date call received: March-19-20 at 14:15
Deadline: March-19-20 at 16:00
Tier 4 - COVID-19: RFI on health supplies and PPE

CONTEXT (for your information):

The reporter would like to talk to someone this afternoon about the call out to the suppliers for health materials and personal protective equipment.

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

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

In addition to leveraging existing sources of supply, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs as part of our whole-of-government response to COVID-19.

PSPC has stood-up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who continue to assess responses as they come in, and is establishing a database of additional suppliers that may be used to help meet demands as we move forward.

To date, PSPC has received **more than 1,500 responses** from interested suppliers. The list of products and services requested is available at: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19> .

Submissions received through this call to suppliers are assessed based on the requirements PSPC receives from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), and based on this assessment we will determine the most appropriate procurement approach.

There are no restrictions or preferences on suppliers. We are seeking input from any suppliers who have products and services available to help meet demands as we move forward.

As responses from suppliers are submitted to PSPC, we are working in collaboration with PHAC to ensure the necessary certification documents are in place while implementing flexible and innovative procurement approaches to best meet Canada's needs.

The Government of Canada continues to have regular communication with our partners at the provincial and territorial levels to assess and support procurement needs across the country. In leading this coordinated procurement approach for Canada, we stand ready to take further action to support the provinces and territories, our frontline health workers and Canadians.