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Subject: For Info: Potential contract under ISC program

Hi all,

- In April 2020, the Innovative Solutions Canada (ISC) Program launched a **Testing Stream** call for proposals for late-stage innovations that could support the COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Companies applied to be matched with federal departments to test their innovations under five thematic areas: (1) Patient monitoring, Tracking and wellness; (2) Prevention and protection; (3) Sanitization; (4) Situational awareness and critical response; and (5) Testing and diagnostics.
- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has been matched with Fusion Genomics to assess their **testing and diagnostic (theme 5) innovation** entitled “ONETest CoronaViruses (Cov)-FAST”, which is capable of sequencing the genome of all known human and animal coronaviruses (including SAR-CoV-2).
- Public Services and Procurement Canada is currently under contract negotiations with Fusion Genomics on behalf of the CFIA, and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded the week of July 20, 2020. The estimated value of the contract is \$231,000.
- The ISC Secretariat has advised CFIA that the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry intends on announcing the contract award at the Minister’s weekly press conference. The target announcement date is July 21, 2020 - however, this is contingent on the completion of contract negotiations. *(CFIA will provide an update once new developments unfold.)*

NOTE: In addition to providing the funds, the CFIA will perform testing on samples from animals using this innovation. The testing will be done at the National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease in Winnipeg, MB.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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