

## McKenna, Neil

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**From:** Khalil, Samantha  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** Kim, Sabrina  
**Cc:** PMO.F Senior Staff / personnel supérieur F.CPM; Belliveau, Sébastien; Davis, Kathleen; Lamothe, Colleen  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATE: Mobile Respiratory Care Unit procurement process

Hi all,

Radio-Canada has asked PSPC to confirm the suppliers. Both companies have already issued public statements and PSPC will confirm to media.

Below is PSPC's prepared response:

We can confirm that two firms, Weatherhaven Global Resources Ltd and SNC-Lavalin PAE Inc. have been awarded contracts for up to 10 easily storable, accessible and transportable mobile health hubs to be used within Canada. Weatherhaven has partnered with another Canadian company, the ATCO Group in its solution.

While we certainly hope this surge capacity will not be needed, we are taking every precaution to keep Canadians safe. These contracts have been put in place as part of our overall preparedness plans to help protect the health and safety of Canadians, and are not intended for use by the CAF.

On Apr 22, 2020, at 1:07 PM, Kim, Sabrina <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi,

PSPC has been procuring certain items under the National Security Exemption (NSE) so Canada can be prepared for all scenarios. Those items include things like: mobile health hubs aka field hospitals (as mentioned below) and sterilization machines to allow for the re-use of N95 masks. Because these items are being procured under the NSE, the contracts have not been posted online.

However, regardless of the NSE, one of the two mobile health hub contractors is going to release a statement in the next few days which states that they have been given a \$150M contract from the GoC to help with Canada's COVID response. Additionally, the N95 sterilization equipment company (Stryker), has indicated that they will do the same.

Minister Anand's team is proposing to have her mention at the next daily Ministers press conference that we are working with Stryker, SNC and Weatherhaven to prepare Canada for all scenarios. Following this, she would

go into her regular procurement update highlighting recent successes. Afterwards, the companies would release their statements.

Keeping in mind that two of the three companies will go public no matter what, this would position the contracts and avoid issues like a public narrative about CAF staffing these units (not the intention), or that the sterilizers will be used because we have failed at getting N95s, amongst other examples.

This is the gist of what Minister Anand would say in her remarks:

- There are signs of hope but we are continuing to plan and prepare for all scenarios
- That's why we're working with Stryker, who will provide Health Canada approved sterilization units to the provinces that requested them - which allow for the sterilization & reuse of equipment like N95s
- And that's why we're working with SNC and Weatherhaven who will provide up to 10 mobile health hubs that are built for providing respiratory care so that local health authorities can address overflows or patients, if necessary
- We hope this surge capacity won't be needed & we continue to procure as much PPE as possible

Thanks,  
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On Apr 15, 2020, at 9:31 PM, Kim, Sabrina <[Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

Hello,

On April 9, PSPC awarded Two Mobile Respiratory Care Units (MRCU) contracts to Weatherhaven Global Resources Ltd of Coquitlam, BC and SNC-Lavalin PAE Inc. of Ottawa, ON. Please see below for some more information from PSPC on the procurement process:

#### **Solicitation**

The Department of National Defence identified two firms based on known capability. A request for proposals was then sent to the firms. Upon receipt of the firms' proposals, a technical & financial evaluation was done and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Indemnification approval had been received. Afterwards, authority was given to enter into contract using new Departmental emergency contracting authority.

#### **Contract**

On April 9, two contracts were issued at the value of \$150M to 1) Weatherhaven Global Resources Ltd of Coquitlam, BC (ATCO is key sub) and SNC-Lavalin PAE Inc. of Ottawa, ON.

#### **Next Steps**

PSPC is now working with the contractors on developing detailed task authorizations to:

- 1) Authorize firms to start buying medical supplies & equipment sufficient to stock 5 Mobile Respiratory Care Units each
- 2) Authorize firms to set up Project Management Offices
- 3) Authorize firms to develop and present a design for a Mobile Respiratory Care Unit to work in a mid-sized rural community and provide a production estimate for up to 5 of these MRCUs

PHAC is working on a strategy for engaging P/Ts on these MRCUs. They are also working on the total number of units that may be required.

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