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Bonjour Cecely, Emily

For MO approval, please. I confirm to you that we are not sending before we get your approval.

Merci!

Stéphanie

Media response
Parliament Now
Growling, Jordan (Parliament Now)
Date call received: March-17-20 at 10:15
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Tier 4 - COVID-19: RFI for health care supplies

CONTEXT (for your information): The reporter would like to speak with someone who is leading the procurement push for medical protective equipment and services in response to COVID-19.

He indicates that his understanding is that this has been fast-tracked, and PSPC is working with the Public Health Agency to find gaps in supply in the provinces.

We are recommending to send the same response as provided to The Logic and CBC News.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Any chance I could speak to someone about this, to provide an update?

COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving global challenge. The Government of Canada is working closely with local, provincial, territorial, and international partners to minimize its health, economic, and social impacts in Canada and around the world.

The Government of Canada is taking action with a whole-of-government response to COVID-19. This includes establishing a more than \$1 billion COVID-19 Response Fund and making \$10 billion available for businesses through the Business Development Bank and Export Development Canada, amongst other initiatives.

On Monday, March 9, the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister wrote to all Premiers announcing our intention to lead a bulk procurement efforts on healthcare supplies responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. We stand ready to respond to any further procurement needs from provinces and territories.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) as the Government of Canada's central purchaser, is spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency supplies and services required for Canada, including at the federal, provincial and territorial levels. We recognize that some of these goods are in high demand around the world, and therefore in addition to leveraging existing sources of supply, Public Services and Procurement Canada is proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs and also to ensure that providers have a clear pathway to connect with the Government of Canada if they are able to supply goods and services that may be of use. This is consistent with the response from other countries affected by the pandemic.

Public Services and Procurement Canada has stood-up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are implementing flexible and innovative procurement approaches to best meet Canada's needs. To ensure that we are effectively engaging industry and potential avenues for purchasing, our procurement approach includes a call to suppliers who may be able to provide products and services and are invited to visit <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19> .

The call to suppliers was posted to the Government of Canada's buy and sell webpage on March 12.