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Subject: For MO approval - Media response - Tier 1 / COVID-19 - Alberta companies and call-out to suppliers for goods and services / Global News (Calgary)

Cecely, Emily,

For your approval.

Charles.

Media response

Global News (Calgary)

Boguski, Rick (Global News (Calgary))

Date call received: April-07-20 at 13:35

Deadline: April-08-20 at 17:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Alberta companies and call-out to suppliers for goods and services

CONTEXT (for your information):

The producer says the Prime Minister mentioned this morning that thousands of companies offered their help to the Government of Canada to support effort in fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic. While the Prime Minister's reference was with regard to the call to Canadian Industry made by ISED, the producer is asking specifically for the number of Alberta companies that have offered their support under the PSPC call-out to suppliers for goods and services. He will also ask ISED for their number.

VALUE STATEMENT:

The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies, and services to combat COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is taking an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to personal protective equipment for frontline healthcare workers. This includes:

- Ordering ahead in bulk on behalf of provinces and territories
- Supplementing those orders by purchasing everything that is immediately available;
- Ramping up the domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Q1. Can you tell me how many Alberta companies have offered their support under the PSPC call-out to suppliers for goods and services to help in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic?

Following the posting of our call-out to suppliers, we have implemented a process to receive, assess, and categorize all responses submitted, to determine which responses meet the requirements or specifications established by Health Canada. As of April 8, 2020, more than 1050 suppliers from Alberta have offered their goods and services to Public Services and Procurement Canada by responding to Canada's [call-out](#) to combat COVID-19. In total, we have received more than 22,000 responses to the call-out.