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From: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: March 24, 2020 5:50 PM
To: Sue Paish
Subject: RE: Masks

Thanks for all this Sue! Sorry for the delay on response, you're right I have been swamped trying to get through all the requests and inquiries from Western and Northern Canada.

I am glad to see you were able to connect with Minister Anand through email and hopefully over the phone.

Let me know if you need anything from my team, I am always available to support.

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Cc: Sangeeta Lalli <Sangeeta.Lalli@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Logan, Tim (IC) <tim.logan@canada.ca>
Subject: RE: Masks

Hello Madison:

Thank you for your note and apologies for the slow response. Just tried to call you and expect that you are swamped. I cannot even begin to imagine what you are dealing with: thank you for all that each of you on this message is doing.

Here is the summary of the situation:

- Suncor has lots of protective gear given the nature of their operations
- Two specific pieces of equipment they have or have ready access to, are masks and disinfectant spray machines
- Mark Little, CEO of Suncor called on Friday evening to say that Suncor would like to provide 1 million masks to support the covid situation. He many also have several thousand disinfectant machines. He wanted to know how to get this material to the people that need it the most.
- I understand that the masks are readily available or can be quite easily accessed by Mark and would be 'reliably' produced etc. I do not know if they meet the N-95 standard
- The disinfectant machines are a little further off as they require circuit boards – virtually all of which are manufactured in China and so I am learning how to way-find the Canadian market for manufacturers who can deliver quality boards at spec and to scale.

Questions:

1. What is the easiest way for Suncor to engage with the Government of Canada to provide these masks (and ideally in the future, the disinfectant machines)? I have looked at the website and this may be the way to go but I thought given the nature Suncor and that the CEO is leading the charge, there may be a different approach that could deliver the outcome very quickly?
2. Thinking about sourcing supplies you/ the health system needs, would it make sense to do a direct outreach to the oil & gas industry to see what stock or access they have to BPE that you / Canada, needs? (Happy to help with this).
3. FYI, given the multi-faceted nature of the inter-jurisdictional landscape in health and the need for there to be a coordinated response to getting supplies to where they are needed most, our folks (in our little Supercluster), and some of the small tech companies we work with, have been working through the weekend to build a platform that can provide a single point of access for suppliers and provinces/ government relative to supplies. This might look something like an 'Indeed' platform where employers post jobs and specifications and then candidates from across the country can apply. We are thinking that if there was a platform where all jurisdictions could post their needs, then industry can easily see what is needed where and respond quickly without needing to navigate multiple different systems/ websites. A very early stage of this platform might be ready in a few days.

I am around pretty much all evening if you want to catch up on this on the phone.

Thank you again for exceptional work and leadership each of you is providing. While your names and faces may not be in the news, we know that it certainly takes a (large) village to guide the country through the current situation.

Thx again,
Sue



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Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:45 AM

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Subject: RE: Masks

Hi Sue,

Thank you for showing interest in providing services and products related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to leveraging existing sources of supply, PSPC is now proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs.

Many of us are receiving information from potential suppliers or individuals with helpful information on the COVID-19 response. I invite you to direct suppliers that seek to provide products and services to this website: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19>. As this website will continue to be updated, please encourage suppliers to check back for new information that may be posted.

My department is reviewing the significant number of responses and identifying potential suppliers for the goods and services that may be required as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. I have informed my team in Minister Anand's office of your proactive reach out.

Please do not hesitate to follow up with any questions, or share any relevant information that I can include in while tracking procurements in the West.

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Of course.

Connecting you here with Madison in Minister Anand's office. I'm also copying Sangeeta from Prime Minister's Office for awareness.

Let me know if I can help with anything else.

Thanks,
Fiona

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On Mar 21, 2020, at 9:49 AM, Sue Paish <spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca> wrote:

Hi Fiona: Thanks very much. An introduction to the Minister's office would be wonderful.

Thanks again.
Sue

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 Mar 2020, at 9:44 AM, Simons, Fiona (EC) <fiona.simons@canada.ca> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Minister mentioned you were looking for someone to speak to re mask production. These sorts of inquiries go through Public Services and Procurement. I can connect you with the Minister's Office. Should I connect you directly or is there someone else that is better suited.

Thanks,
Fiona

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