



CCAB Covid19 conference calls with Aboriginal businesses

Message to all Aboriginal businesses across Canada via social media tools:

CCAB wants to support Aboriginal business and our members by hearing your questions and concerns and assisting where we are able and taking your concerns forward to the appropriate people and to ensure that we can develop programs that meet your needs.

We are hosting conference calls with Aboriginal businesses to share information and updates. Calls occur on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 pm EST. To participate, please register below. Once you have registered, an email will be sent with the conference call information.

We have a dedicated Covid19 webpage on the CCAB website that we are updating frequently with resources. <https://www.ccab.com/news/covid-19-updates-information-and-resources/>

Wed. March 25th - Update from Tabatha Bull, CCAB President & CEO

I am participating in a daily call with business associations and Federal Government and they have been very responsive - specifically asking if the programs that government are providing are working, where the gaps are and what Indigenous businesses need?

We are looking into the following areas to support Aboriginal business:

- Our corporate members to make sure they include Aboriginal businesses in their supply change
- How can Aboriginal businesses help each other – e-commerce platforms, social media communication campaign
- What tools or webinars can our members provide to other members to help?
- Grants, funding and tools – making links available on our website
- Including our online survey to keep understanding how businesses are being impacted

Below are some resources for Aboriginal businesses and CCAB members based on our March 25th call. Key issues and questions posed consisted of looking for resources and opportunities for small businesses, income relief for individuals, procurement and working with the government to have the opportunity to supply services and products.

Resources:

Download the [Canada Business App](#) to find tailored supports to address your needs in the face of COVID-19.

Government of Canada - Link for Canadian businesses:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/maintaingrowimprovebusiness/resources-for-canadian-businesses.html>

Government Support for Individuals - https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-individuals.html#unable_work_new_canada_emergency_response_benefit

Supply Chain markets :

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/maintaingrowimprovebusiness/manufacturers-needed.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/maintaingrowimprovebusiness/supplychainmanagement.html>

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Friday, March 27 - Update from Tabatha Bull, CCAB President & CEO

Good morning,

Thank you for registering for the CCAB Nation-wide Aboriginal Business conference call(s). Please find below follow-up to the Friday, March 27, 2020 call with CCAB President & CEO, Tabatha Bull. Join us on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 pm EST as we work together to navigate these challenging times. Please note, the same Go-To meeting link is used for all calls. (Go-To-Meeting links are listed at the bottom of this email).

CCAB has a dedicated Covid19 webpage on the CCAB website that we are frequently updating with resources. <https://www.ccab.com/news/covid-19-updates-information-and-resources/>. There are grants, funding and tools available. CCAB wants to support Aboriginal Business by hearing your questions and feedback. Your feedback will allow;

- CCAB to assist where we are able;
- CCAB to forward your comments to the appropriate people/organizations;
- CCAB to further develop programs that meet Member needs.

Friday, March 27 - Update from Tabatha Bull, CCAB President & CEO

Tabatha participates in a daily call with business associations and Federal Government. They have been very responsive and the government is specifically asking if the programs they are providing are working and where are the gaps.

- They want to know what do Indigenous businesses need moving forward.

- Government announcements today included a wage subsidy for small businesses that has been raised from 10% to 75%. There will also be a wage subsidy loan up to \$40,000 and it is possible that \$10,000 will be forgivable.
- CCAB is working closely with BDC & EDC to make sure the \$10B can be used for Indigenous businesses as well.
- Tabatha spoke to the PM's office around procurement and retooling for Aboriginal business opportunities.

CCAB is working with our corporate members to make ensure they include Aboriginal businesses in their supply chain. How can indigenous businesses help each other – e-commerce platforms, social media communication campaigns? What tools or webinars can our members provide to other members to help?

In other news, UPS is a new CCAB member and is offering a 40% discount to our CAB members for shipping. CCAB will be sending out a weekly e-newsletter to keep our members up to date. If you have questions after getting the email, send through questions to Kate and we will try to answer them.

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In addition to the above from the Government of Canada, we are including the following links sent to us from the Office of the Minister of Crown Indigenous-Relations following our call:

Prime Minister announces support for small businesses facing impacts of COVID-19

- <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts>

Additional Support for Canadian Businesses from the Economic Impact of COVID-19

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html>

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