

Here's a few updates to fan out to your people. These updates can all be accessed through <https://www.southgrow.com/recovery> or the Taskforce central website at <https://business.chooselethbridge.ca/recovery>

1. The **Alberta Bits and Pieces program is open**. This is a purchasing initiative to source essential supplies and components necessary for the emergency response and recovery process from local Albertan companies. If you think you have a service or product that would be useful, fill out the forms on the site. Also encourage your businesses to visit the Alberta Purchasing Connection and register to see if there are any procurements active that they can apply to sell to.
2. The Regional Economic Recovery Taskforce has launched a survey to better understand the challenges businesses are facing right now. **Please share as widely as you can** with the businesses in your community so we can get a good picture of the needs in the region as we move forward and plan our next steps. Here's the link! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHS5RDX>
3. Yesterday the Premier announced a doubling of the infrastructure budget. It is likely that this will yield large construction projects in the region fairly fast. <https://globalnews.ca/news/6799460/coronavirus-alberta-jobs-infrastructure-announcement/>
4. **Agricultural Jobs!** With planting season upon us and so many temporary foreign workers unable to move into the region, Alberta Ag has launched a job connector program to pair out of work people with ag jobs in the region. Please share the connector website widely with your people, particularly those in the ag sector. Here's the link: <https://www.alberta.ca/agriculture-job-connector.aspx>

As always, call if I can help. Let me know if you see a support or have info that we can share. Happy Easter everyone!

Sincerely,

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