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A message to our partners

Every business day, on average, the Toronto Office of Partnerships fields an inquiry from an entrepreneur who wants to do business with the City of Toronto. That works out to more than 160 inquiries so far this year.

We welcome the interest. Partnerships with the private sector have been, and will continue to be, an important source of revenue and savings for the City. They also support the programs and services on which Torontonians rely.

If you are thinking of doing business with Toronto, there are two avenues open to you: submitting an unsolicited quotation or proposal to the TOP or responding to a Request for Quotation, Request for Proposal or Tender Call issued by the Purchasing and Materials Management Division.

Unsolicited quotations or proposals are those initiated by someone who wants to make a profit out of a partnership with the City. Their quotation or proposal is not a response to a specific procurement call issued by the City but a quotation or proposal from a vendor offering a creative opportunity for the City to save money. These unsolicited quotations or proposals are handled by the TOP in a fair and transparent process designed to provide a quick response. More information can be found here:

http://www.toronto.ca/top/unsolicited_proposals.htm

City purchases of goods and services, and professional services are made through a competitive bidding process conducted by the Purchasing and Materials Management Division. To bid on City business opportunities, visit:

<http://www.toronto.ca/calldocuments/index.htm>.

In addition, the City has a Vendor Registration System that allows companies to register their information in the database of the Online Call Document System. That way they receive automatic notifications of new business opportunities without having to check the website periodically. For more information:

<https://wx.toronto.ca/inter/pmmd/calls.nsf/Vendors?openform>

If you have any questions about doing business with the City, please contact me at pberck@toronto.ca.

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Partnership News

MLSE Team Up Foundation & the TFC hit the Pitch at Sorauren Park

Through a partnership between Maple Leafs Sports & Entertainment's Team Up Foundation, the Toronto FC and the City of Toronto, the Sorauren Park community is enjoying a refurbished soccer pitch which includes new sod and new player and spectator benches.

<http://www.toronto.ca/top/mlse.htm>

TOP Facts

Want to learn more about the City of Toronto's partnership activity? Statistics for the 2010 partnership year are now available.

<http://www.toronto.ca/top/facts.htm>

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Martin Grove Playground Gets a Televised Facelift

Over the course of a three-day build, Martin Grove Gardens Park played host to a new children's television program which showcased a partnership between Sinking Ships Entertainment, the City of Toronto, local community group Embrace and local sponsors.

<http://www.toronto.ca/top/martingrove-gardens.htm>

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New St. James Town hoops

St. James Town residents are enjoying a refurbished outdoor basketball court, as part of the Recipe for Community Program, thanks to a donation of more than \$100,000 from the MLSE Team Up Foundation. The basketball court refurbishment is part of the more than \$500,000 in investments made by public and private sector partners in St. James Town through the Program.

<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf/7017df2f20edbe2885256619004e428e/c56048577fe16abc852578bc003f8b17?OpenDocument>

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Honour roll of partners

More than 360 community groups, corporations, foundations and other groups helped make Toronto a better place in which to live, work and play through partnerships with the City in 2010. View a list of partners.

<http://www.toronto.ca/top/pdf/2010-partners.pdf>

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Toronto Challenge raises more than \$500k

Thousands of runners and walkers of all ages turned out for the 20th annual Toronto Challenge. Organizers expect that the event will raise more than half a million dollars.

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RBC supports cricket in Thorncliffe

The RBC Foundation is contributing \$25,000 to modify a baseball diamond and help the City of Toronto meet the incredible demand for cricket in the Thorncliffe community.

<http://www.toronto.ca/top/pdf/rbc-cricket.pdf>

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\$1 million gift supports new sensory garden

Thanks to a \$1 million donation from Goldie Feldman, a new sensory garden and accessible water playground has opened in Earl Bales Park.

<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf/7017df2f20edbe2885256619004e428e/2404682017a1ee9b852578ae003d9a38?OpenDocument>