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SEAMS announce collaborative efforts in response to need for suppliers of Covid-19 PPE products**“We are all in this together”**

SEAMS, The Association and Voice for the US Sewn Products Industry for more than 50 years has announced a community program for manufacturers to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. SEAMS and its members have pulled together as a strong community to pitch in and help not only their members but the entire industry in a time of crisis where our country is experiencing shortages of medical products and loss of capacity to keep the supply chain strong.

“The U.S. based supply chain remains an important infrastructure in our country to support our communities, partners and upmost our consumers and their families. This Covid-19 outbreak has and will continue to impact us all and SEAMS, which is built on a foundation of sharing, supporting and empathy is here for our members, our industry and our nation”, states Will Duncan, Executive Director of SEAMS. “First and foremost, we hope our industry, their employees and families are safe and healthy.”

SEAMS announced this week, a program to provide open capacity to help manufacturers in need where their own factories were closed or could not meet production requirements. The program had an overwhelming response from members and non-members willing to pitch in and support the industry as a whole. The US government and Healthcare Industry are looking for assistance to produce necessary medical products and once again the association stands ready to leverage a strong network to assist.

Duncan continued stating “SEAMS is working on behalf of the industry and country to help bring organization to the difficult task of aligning PPE sourcing agents with PPE supply chains. We are working in concert with NCTO, INDA, and IFAI to help establish a greater organization to the process. We are also working with the Manufacturing Solutions Center and large brands to provide these greatly needed PPE products.”

If you are looking for suppliers for the following list of products or would like to join with your own resources during this pandemic, SEAMS would like to hear from you. Please contact them via email at nkinder@seams.org or call 803.642.1111.

List of PPE Products SEAMS Members Can Supply:

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| A) N95 Face Masks | G) Disposable Shoe Covers |
| B) Surgical Masks | H) Cloth Washable Masks |
| C) Surgical Gowns | I) Sanitizing Wipes |
| D) Scrub Suits/Gowns | J) Hospital Linens |
| E) Coveralls/Apron | K) Tents |
| F) Disposable Head Cover/Hats/Caps | |