**Rapid Supplier Connect** is helping address medical supply chain shortages by connecting hospitals and government agencies with non-traditional suppliers. Here's a summary of the efforts:

- **Hospital** needs 5000 face shields and 100 respirators.
- **Government Agency** needs 1000 face shields.
- **Traditional supply is constrained.**
- **Auto Manufacturer** assembled 4000 face shields and manufactured 100 respirators.
- **Hardware Supplier** built 1500 face shields.
- **3D Printing Company** printed 500 face shields.

**Rapid Supplier Connect** verifies the identity and authenticity of participants, provides inventory visibility to buyers seeking medical equipment and supplies, and connects non-traditional suppliers to buyers in need. Non-traditional suppliers can produce and sell equipment and supplies to buyers in need that they may not typically sell to.

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**Buyers**

Buyers in urgent need of medical equipment or supplies can publicize their need and discover non-traditional suppliers who can fulfill those needs.

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**Suppliers**

Non-traditional suppliers can produce and sell equipment and supplies to buyers in need that they may not typically sell to.