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Provincial Health Services Authority

BC Children's & BC Women's hospitals redevelopment project move ahead

Vancouver – A preferred proponent has been selected to begin negotiations with the provincial government and the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) related to the redevelopment of BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre.

An important next step toward the building of the new Acute Care Centre at BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre has been achieved by selecting Affinity Partnerships as a preferred proponent. This follows an extensive evaluation of proponent teams that were shortlisted and invited to submit proposals to design, build, finance and provide facilities management services to the new Acute Care Centre.

The next stage in the competitive selection process is to negotiate with Affinity Partnerships to settle the final terms of the contract, a process that is expected to culminate in a performance-based contract by the spring of 2014. Details about the contract and fixed project cost will be made public after the agreement has been finalized.

Construction of the new Acute Care Centre is anticipated to get underway in the winter of 2014/15. The Acute Care Centre will include inpatient units, an Emergency Department, Medical Imaging and Procedural Suites, Hematology/Oncology Department and Pediatric Intensive Care for BC Children's Hospital. It will also include high-risk labour and delivery suite and a new neonatal intensive care unit for BC Women's Hospital & Health Care Centre. The new design will emphasize the single occupant patient rooms, noise reduction features, access to natural light and views of nature, resulting in an improved healing environment.

A fairness advisor, Jane Shackell, Q.C. was appointed to oversee and monitor the entire evaluation process to ensure that it was fair and followed the requirements outlined in the request for proposals (RFP). The report of the fairness advisor concluded that the process for selecting the preferred proponent was fair, reasonable and appropriate. The fairness advisor's report will be publicly available on Partnerships BC's website at: www.partnershipsbc.ca when the contract is final.

This project was made possible in part through the [BC Children's Hospital Foundation](#)'s \$200 million "Campaign for BC Children." Over the past five years, \$150 million was raised for the new Acute Care Centre and a further \$50 million for the delivery of specialized care to children across the province through Child Health BC.

The total cost of the redevelopment project is estimated at \$680 million.

The new Acute Care Centre will be designed to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold standard and will optimize the use of wood in the interior and exterior of the building, consistent with the Province of BC's Wood First Act.

The Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) plans, manages and evaluates selected specialty and province-wide health care services across BC, working with the five geographic health authorities to deliver province-wide solutions that improve the health of British Columbians. For more information, visit www.phsa.ca.

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BACKGROUNDER – Preferred Proponent

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The new Acute Care Centre at BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre is being delivered as a public-private partnership.

As part of the request for proposals phase, Affinity Partnerships has been named as the preferred proponent to design, build, finance and provide facilities management services for the Acute Care Centre. The next stage of the competitive selection process is to begin negotiations with Affinity Partnerships to reach a final performance-based project contract.

Members of Affinity Partnerships include:

- Consortium lead: Balfour Beatty Investments(www.bbcap.ca) & Ledcor Group (www.ledcor.com)
- Design: Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects (ZGF) LLP (www.zgf.com) & CEI Architecture (www.ceiarchitecture.com)
- Construction: Balfour Beatty Construction(www.balfourbeattyus.com) & Ledcor Group (www.ledcor.com)
- Services: Balfour Beatty Communities(www.balfourbeattycommunities.com) & Black and McDonald Limited (www.blackandmcdonald.com)

Evaluation Process

An evaluation committee comprised of representatives from the Provincial Health Services Authority and Partnerships BC evaluated the request for proposals. The evaluation committee appointed evaluation teams, whose membership included over 100 clinicians and front-line staff as well as consultants with specific expertise in health-care planning and operations, design and construction and facilities operations.

These review teams assisted in the evaluation of the proposals in the following areas:

- Design and construction
- Financial and commercial
- Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The BC Children's and BC Women's Redevelopment Project, an initiative of the Provincial Health Services Authority, is a three-phase, multi-year initiative to build the new Acute Care Centre (ACC) and to renovate existing facilities at BC Children's Hospital (Children's) and BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre (Women's).

For more than 50 years, the children and women of British Columbia have benefitted from the specialized care provided through Children's and Women's programs and services. Last year,

there were approximately 200,000 patient visits to Children's, including 8,700 pediatric surgeries and 43,100 emergency department visits; and approximately 7,000 babies were born at Women's last year, making it one of the busiest maternity centres in Canada.

Both Children's and Women's are provincial and national leaders in clinical excellence, delivery of patient and family-centered care, clinical teaching and research. In order to continue to be leaders in these areas, updated equipment and spaces are required. The new Acute Care Centre will be an integral part of British Columbia's health-care system and will provide much needed specialized care for the sickest children and most complex obstetrical cases in British Columbia.

Over the next four years, we will enhance our community of hope and healing by building the future ACC, expanding services and incorporating more relaxing green space and walkways on site.

This project is organized for implementation in three phases:

(2010-2014) Phase 1: Renovation & Relocation

Addition of 3 Neonatal Intensive Care beds (complete), construction of a new Clinical Support Building (complete), renovations to existing buildings and expanded space for the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

(2014-2018) Phase 2: Build a new Acute Care Centre (ACC)

The new centre features an expanded Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and High Risk Birthing, Hematology/Oncology Department, Medical Imaging and Procedures Suites, a larger Emergency Department and single-patient rooms with family zones.

(2018-2019) Phase 3: Renovation, Relocation & Expansion

We will expand services for women and children at Women's and Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children will move to the Oak Street site.

For more information about the BC Children's & BC Women's Redevelopment Project, please visit www.newcw.ca.