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CANCER CENTRE FOR THE NORTH PROJECT REPORT RELEASED

PRINCE GEORGE – The project report, Achieving Value for Money - BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North, has been released.

The project report summarizes key information about the project, including the final total costs, as well as project benefits and innovations. The report describes the competitive selection process and how the final agreement is expected to achieve value for taxpayers' dollars. The final agreement with Plenary Health is expected to achieve value for taxpayers' dollars of \$4.9 million, or 6.3 per cent, when compared to a project using traditional procurement delivery.

The Centre for the North is a critical component of the Northern Cancer Control Strategy, a partnership of the Province, BC Cancer Agency, Provincial Health Services Authority and Northern Health. The new, 5,000-square-metre cancer centre will be constructed on the site of the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia in Prince George and will provide full cancer care and treatment services, including radiation treatment and chemotherapy.

The Centre for the North will include:

- Two linear accelerators, which are used in the delivery of radiation therapy.
- One computerized-tomography (CT) simulator.
- A chemotherapy unit with eight chairs and three stretchers.
- A pharmacy.
- General outpatient clinics.

The Centre for the North will be designed and built to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. In addition, construction of the cancer centre will use nearly 656,000 board feet of wood, and every effort will be made to use local species and wood products manufactured in the province.

Construction of the cancer centre is expected to begin in summer 2010, with completion scheduled for September 2012. The partner is Plenary Health, who will design, build, finance and maintain the Centre for the North. All clinical health services will be publicly funded and publicly provided, in accordance with the Canada Health Act.

The project report is available at www.partnershipsbc.ca.

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