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### **CLASSROOMS FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN MOVE FORWARD**

VICTORIA – Shelter Industries Inc. of Aldergrove has been selected to work with the Ministry of Education to construct new modular classrooms to implement full-day kindergarten in British Columbia.

The naming of Shelter Industries Inc. as the preferred proponent follows an extensive evaluation of proposals that were submitted to design, build, deliver and install the colourful, warm, and naturally lit classroom spaces.

The next stage in the process is to conclude negotiations with Shelter Industries Inc. – a process that is expected to culminate in a project agreement in early October. Details about the agreement will be made public after it has been finalized.

It is anticipated that 133 modular classrooms will be installed at 101 school sites across the Province. The new modular classrooms will be designed to meet sustainable construction standards. These classrooms will incorporate energy-efficient heating and cooling systems and will be built with high-performance building envelopes to minimize operating costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Owen Pawson of Miller Thompson LLP, 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. Pawson's report concluded the evaluation process was conducted in a fair manner, without bias toward any proponent. The fairness advisor's report will be publicly available on Partnerships BC's website at [www.partnershipsbc.ca](http://www.partnershipsbc.ca).

While enrolment has declined by about 60,000 students provincewide since 2000-01, the implementation of full-day kindergarten will require more space than is presently available in some neighbourhoods. These classrooms are part of a \$144.5-million plan which includes: school additions, renovations, modular classrooms, new school space and approximately \$10 million to furnish and equip classrooms, including the conversion of existing space, to support full-day kindergarten.

Full-day kindergarten is being implemented in two phases, with more than half of the province's youngest learners entering full-day kindergarten this year, and full-day kindergarten available to an estimated 40,000 learners by 2011.

For copies of the illustrative renderings of the modular classrooms, visit:  
[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/news/docs/2010/modular\\_school.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/news/docs/2010/modular_school.pdf)

For details on the \$144.5-million, six-step plan by district, visit:  
[http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2009-2013/2010PREM0121-000700.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2010PREM0121-000700.htm)

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