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### **RFQ FOR CANCER CENTRE FOR THE NORTH RELEASED TODAY**

PRINCE GEORGE – Partnerships BC, on behalf of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) and the BC Cancer Agency (BCCA), has issued a Request for Qualifications to build a new regional cancer centre in Prince George, the Centre for the North.

The BC Cancer Agency's Centre for the North is one component of the Northern Cancer Control Strategy, a joint initiative undertaken by PHSA, BCCA and Northern Health. The new Centre for the North will provide residents of northern British Columbia with increased access to cancer treatment and diagnostic services closer to home. The cancer centre will be located on the Prince George Regional Hospital site. The 4,200-square-metre facility will include two linear accelerators used in the delivery of radiation therapy treatment. The centre will be designed to achieve LEED® Gold certification as part of the provincial government's commitment to a greener and more sustainable future.

The project will be pursued as a public private partnership. PHSA/BCCA are seeking a long-term private partner to design, build, finance and maintain the Centre for the North for a period of 30 years. The cancer centre will be operated by the BC Cancer Agency and is part of a comprehensive cancer control strategy enabled through a close partnership with Northern Health.

Construction of the facility is targeted to start in late 2009, with a completion goal of 2012.

A copy of the RFQ is available on BC Bid at: [www.bcbid.bc.ca](http://www.bcbid.bc.ca)

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