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THREE TEAMS SHORT-LISTED FOR KGH/VJH HOSPITAL EXPANSION

KELOWNA – Three qualified proponent teams have been short-listed to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) phase of the competition to design, build, finance and maintain the expansion of Kelowna General Hospital (KGH) and Vernon Jubilee Hospital (VJH).

“Hospitals and health-care facilities across British Columbia are being modernized and upgraded so that patients benefit from the best care possible, today and in the future,” said Health Minister George Abbott. “As we are seeing with the Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre, the public-private partnership provides taxpayers with the best financial certainty in a very competitive construction market and assurance that the project will be completed on time and on budget.”

Three proponent teams responded to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that closed on June 4. Following evaluation of the responses received, all three teams were short-listed. They are:

- Infusion Health;
- Okanagan Health Solutions;
- Plenary Health.

The teams each have a variety of members who represent local (B.C.-based), national and international companies.

The short-listed respondents will be invited to respond to the RFP. The RFP stage will result in the selection of a preferred proponent to undertake hospital expansions in Kelowna and Vernon.

The Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals expansion consists of three components:

- Vernon Jubilee Hospital Diagnostic and Treatment Building;
- Kelowna General Outpatient Hospital; and
- Kelowna General Hospital Emergency Department expansion

The VJH component will consolidate existing programs and allow future expansion. It will include outpatient care services, intensive care and cardiac care, and maternity and pediatrics.

“Short-listing qualified proponents is an exciting step forward in the construction of a new diagnostic and treatment building at Vernon Jubilee Hospital to serve North Okanagan residents,” said Okanagan-Vernon MLA Tom Christensen.

The KGH components of the project include the construction of a new outpatient hospital in proximity to the existing site, including physical connections to the existing hospital, parking, rooftop helipad, as well as shelled-in space for future expansion of the University of British Columbia medical program. The facility will also include a general clinics area, surgical services, short-stay beds, renal services and outpatient diagnostic services.

Increasing the size of the KGH emergency department supports the redevelopment of the new outpatient hospital. It will expand into the space currently occupied by outpatient services, and will be fully reconfigured to improve service efficiency and patient flow.

“Moving forward on a new outpatient hospital and bigger emergency department at Kelowna General Hospital signifies we are moving ahead on how health-care services are delivered to residents throughout our region,” said Kelowna-Mission MLA Sindi Hawkins.

The Fairness Advisor, Joan Young, has reviewed the RFQ process and found that the evaluation process was fair and unbiased. The Fairness Advisor’s report will be made available as soon as it is complete.

Construction is expected to begin in 2008, after tendering is completed and costs are finalized, with completion targeted for 2010. All health services will be funded by the Province of B.C. through Interior Health, in keeping with the Canada Health Act.

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PROPONENT TEAM PROFILES

Team: **Infusion Health**

- Bilfinger Berger BOT Inc.
- John Laing Infrastructure
- Graham Construction and Engineering Inc.
- Stantec
- Black & McDonald

Team: **Okanagan Health Solutions**

- Babcock & Brown Canada ULC
- Acciona, S.A.
- Honeywell Limited (Canada)
- Acciona Dominion, Joint Venture (Acciona Infraestructuras, S.A.)
- Acciona Dominion, Joint Venture (The Dominion Company Inc.)
- Acciona Facility Services, S.A.U.
- IBI+HDR Health Care
- DGBK Architects
- CWMM Consulting Engineers Ltd.
- MCW Consultants
- Renaissance Architecture
- Arup North America Ltd.

Team: **Plenary Health**

- Plenary Group
- Deutsche Bank AG (New York)
- Stuart Olson
- B+H Architects
- MQN Architects
- Johnson Controls
- Sodexo

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