

Request for Qualifications

Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project

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SUMMARY OF KEY INFORMATION

RFQ TITLE	The title of this RFQ is: RFQ – Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project Please use this title on all correspondence.	
CONTACT PERSON	The Contact Person for this RFQ is: Catherine Silman Email: catherine.silman@partnershipsbc.ca Please direct all Enquiries, by email, to the above named Contact Person. No telephone Enquiries please.	
ENQUIRIES	Respondents are encouraged to submit Enquiries at an early date and prior to 15:00 Pacific Time on the day that is 10 Business Days before the Submission Time to permit consideration by the Owner; the Owner may, in its discretion, decide not to respond to any Enquiry.	
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION FORM	Addenda and any further information relating to this RFQ will be directed only to parties who have completed and returned the Receipt Confirmation Form.	
SUBMISSION TIME	The Submission Time is: 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time on September 10, 2020	
SUBMISSION LOCATION	By electronic upload to the Contact Person in accordance with Part 1 of Appendix A.	





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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THIS RFQ

The purpose of this request for qualifications (the "**RFQ**") is to invite interested parties to submit Responses indicating their interest in, and qualifications for, the Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project. Based on these Responses, the Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) (the "**Owner**") intends to select, in accordance with the terms of this RFQ, a shortlist of up to three Proponents to be invited to participate in the next stage of the Competitive Selection Process, the Request for Proposals (the "**RFP**") stage.

This RFQ is not a tender or an offer or a request for proposals, and there is no intention by the Owner to make an offer by issuing this RFQ.

Under the Competitive Selection Process, the Owner is seeking to enter into a contract (the "**Design-Build Agreement**") with a qualified entity (the "**Design-Builder**") to design and build a new 1,100 student school on a site located at 2003 University Way in Duncan B.C. (the "**Site**"). The Project is being procured using a design-build approach.

If a capitalized term used in this RFQ is not defined in Section 7, it will be defined in the section of the RFQ in which it is first used.

1.2 ADMINISTRATION OF THIS RFQ

Partnerships British Columbia Inc. ("**Partnerships BC**") is managing this RFQ and the Competitive Selection Process on behalf of the Owner.

1.3 ELIGIBILITY

Any interested party, or parties, may submit a Response to this RFQ. Respondents may be individuals, corporations, joint ventures, partnerships or any other legal entities. If the Respondent is not a legal entity, the Respondent will act through the legal entity or entities comprising the Respondent.

1.4 PROJECT BRIEF

The Owner has issued a project brief (the "**Project Brief**") for the purpose of providing an informal and convenient summary of aspects of the Project. The Project Brief is not included as part of the RFQ or RFP, and is not intended to be included with, or referred to in any way in interpreting the requirements of, the RFQ, the RFP, the Design-Build Agreement, or to in any way define or describe any party's rights with respect to the Project.





2 THE PROJECT

2.1 COWICHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The existing Cowichan Secondary School was built in 1950 and has had several additions, the latest occurring in 1998. The Owner has secured the necessary funding to replace the existing school on a site formerly occupied by municipal baseball fields adjacent to the Cowichan Community Centre, Cowichan Aquatic Centre, and Vancouver Island University (collectively known as Cowichan Place) in Duncan.

The proposed facility (the "Facility) is expected to include:

- a new school of approximately 12,200 m² (gross area) including:
 - capacity for 1,100 students, grades 10 12, with future expansion capability to 1,500 students; and
 - a Neighbourhood Learning Centre (905 m²) comprised of:
 - Innovation and Technology Centre
 - Health and Wellness Centre
 - Indigenous Language and Cultural Centre.

The existing school will be retained by the Owner to function as swing space for future seismic upgrade projects.

Design and construction are expected to start in Spring 2021, with the school opening in Fall 2023. The total anticipated design and construction budget is approximately \$62.0 million, and the total project budget allocation is \$82.1 million. The scope of work currently anticipated for the Project is discussed in greater detail in Section 2.6 below.

2.2 OWNER'S PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To aid with the development of the Project scope and infrastructure decisions, Project objectives have been established for the Project. The Project objectives are informed by the Owner's vision of an innovative facility that reflects community values, celebrates Indigenous ways of being, and exemplifies 21st century learning principles defined as learning skills that help to solve the complex problems in our new world such as critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.





The Project objectives include:

- Indigenous themes should be prominent and integrated into the fabric of the school and grounds;
- the exterior should incorporate natural and sustainable areas for activities such as walking trails, amphitheatre seating, and biodiverse opportunities for environmental outdoor learning;
- the outdoors should be drawn in, and the interior should lead to the outside;
- health and movement should be celebrated and encouraged;
- all spaces, including circulation, should be conducive to active and reflective learning;
- learning and activity spaces should be open to views;
- the school should be a place that draws people together seating options should vary in location and style; and
- the school and grounds should align with the Cowichan Place general theme outlined in the University Village Local Area Plan.

2.3 PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

Some of the key Project considerations include:

- (a) Consultations and engagement with adjacent public institutions within the surrounding precinct known as Cowichan Place. The Cowichan Place Partners Group, which includes Vancouver Island University, Cowichan Aquatic Centre, and the Cowichan Community Centre, is committed to the investigation of opportunities for synergies and enhanced services.
- (b) The Neighbourhood Learning Centre will be developed through partnerships and engagement with stakeholders. Engagement activities have included Cowichan Tribes, Vancouver Island University, managers from the municipalities, multiple members from the health community, and participants from the technology sector.
- (c) The Site is known for soft soil conditions, liquefaction and a high-water table.
- (d) The off-site services currently in place were originally designed some time ago to accommodate the four facilities within Cowichan Place. These off-site services require evaluation to determine if they are suitable to accommodate the addition of a secondary school with capacity for up to 1,500-students.
- (e) The Project does not require a development permit.





2.4 PROJECT TEAM

2.4.1 Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)

Located in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island, the Board of Education of School District No. 79 is responsible for 17 elementary and five secondary schools, providing quality education to approximately 8,200 students in a predominantly rural area.

Additional information about the Owner is available at: https://sd79.bc.ca/.

2.4.2 Partnerships BC

Partnerships BC supports the public sector by working with owners to deliver complex public infrastructure in an evolving world.

The Owner has engaged Partnerships BC to lead and manage the Competitive Selection Process.

Additional information about Partnerships BC is available at www.partnershipsbc.ca.

2.5 ADVANCE WORK BY THE OWNER

The following sections provide an overview of the work undertaken on the Project to date, and work planned to be undertaken prior to Contract Execution.

2.5.1 Approval

The Project has been approved to proceed to procurement by the Province of British Columbia and was announced on December 18, 2019. Final Owner and Province approvals are expected to be required prior to Contract Execution.

2.5.2 Site Zoning

The Site is zoned PU Public Use which permits the use of the property for a public school.

2.5.3 Site Planning and Considerations

The Facility will occupy a 4.6-hectare site that is bordered by Beverley Street, the Trans-Canada Highway, and University Way in Duncan, B.C. As presented below in Figure 1, the Site is adjacent to Vancouver Island University.





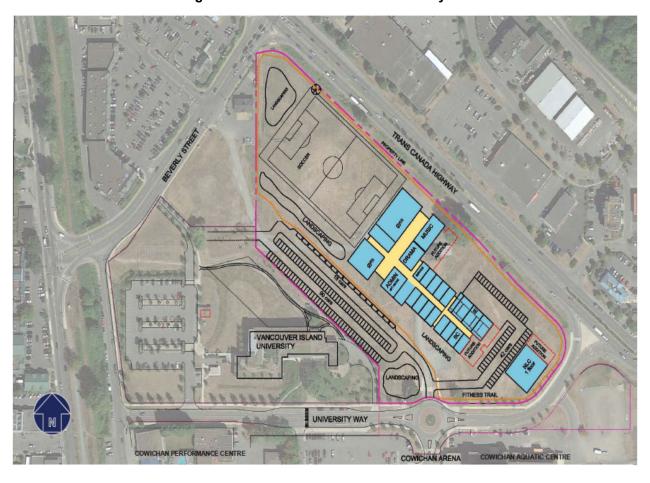


Figure 1: Site Location and Indicative Layout

The Facility will be designed to have a classroom capacity for 1,100 students and will identify areas for future classroom expansion to a capacity of 1,500 students. Core areas of the Facility, such as hallways and gymnasium, will be designed and built to accommodate a capacity of 1,500 students.

There are currently two existing structures on the Site, a childcare facility and a concession facility. The childcare facility will be relocated by the Owner. The Design-Builder will be required to demolish the existing concession facility.

The Site is known for soft soil conditions and a high-water table as it is situated on a flood plain and is therefore subject to flood construction bylaws. The Owner has carried out geotechnical investigations on the Site and will provide the geotechnical report at the RFP stage. The report indicates the soil is liquefiable, and differential settlements could be experienced even with a moderate earthquake.

The Design-Builder will be responsible for geotechnical risks through the design and construction in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement. As applicable, the Owner anticipates that the Design-





Builder will be responsible for the management, removal, abatement, containment and disposal of any contaminants on Site.

The Owner will complete the following site assessments during summer 2020:

- Phase 1 environmental site assessment;
- hazardous material assessment of the existing concession facility; and
- an archaeological investigation of the Site.

2.6 GENERAL SCOPE OF DESIGN-BUILDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

2.6.1 Design-Build Agreement

The Project will be managed under a Design-Build Agreement. The Owner will provide an Initial Draft Design-Build Agreement with the RFP which will include:

- (a) functional program;
- (b) performance specifications for the design and construction of the Facility (the "Statement of Requirements"); and
- (c) proposed commercial terms.

As part of the RFP, the Owner will issue a final draft of the Design-Build Agreement (the "**Final Draft Design-Build Agreement**") which will be the basis upon which the Proposals will be submitted in response to the RFP.

2.6.2 General Scope of Responsibility

The Owner anticipates that the general scope of the Design-Builder's responsibility under the Design-Build Agreement will be as follows:

(a) Design

The Design-Builder will be completely responsible for all aspects of the design for the Facility, including all other works ancillary to the Facility and the integration of the various building components with each other. Ancillary works include parking and drop-off area, playing field and landscaping. The final design will comply with the Statement of Requirements that will be provided to Proponents in the Design-Build Agreement, and all applicable laws, including the District Municipality of North Cowichan zoning.

(b) Construction

The Design-Builder will be completely responsible for construction including:





- (1) obtaining all permits and approvals necessary for construction of the Facility, including a building permit and occupancy permit, as required;
- (2) demolition of the existing concession facility;
- (3) provision of utilities, vehicle access and egress, and other site services required to support the Facility during construction, including off-site works as required to connect the Facility to existing municipal infrastructure;
- (4) construction of the Facility and all other works ancillary to the Facility;
- (5) provision, installation and commissioning of selected furniture, fixtures and equipment as specified in the Design-Build Agreement; and
- (6) achieving substantial completion of the Facility by Fall 2023.

(c) Key Individuals

The Design-Builder will be required to retain certain Key Individuals throughout the term of the Project. In this RFQ, the Owner requires the Respondent to nominate the following Key Individuals:

- (1) Design-Build Director;
- (2) Design-Build Construction Manager;
- (3) Lead Architect; and
- (4) Structural Lead.

(d) Wood First

As contemplated by the *Wood First Act* (British Columbia), the Design-Builder will be required to use wood in the Project consistent with Wood First legislation.

(e) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED®")

The Design-Builder will be required to build the Facility to achieve LEED® Gold certification.

(f) Communication and Consultation

The Owner and Design-Builder will work together on all aspects of public communication and consultation as set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

(g) Apprenticeships and Training

The Design-Builder will be required to comply with the Province's "Apprentices on Public Projects in British Columbia Policy and Procedures Guidelines" (the "**Apprentices Guidelines**") in





providing apprenticeships and skills training opportunities. The Apprentices Guidelines address use of registered apprentices and reporting on registered apprentices and trainees.

The Apprentices Guidelines are available at:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/business/economic-development/assets/apprentices-on-public-projects/policy and procedure guidelines.pdf

2.7 COMMERCIAL TERMS

2.7.1 Key Commercial Terms

The following are some of the key commercial terms that the Owner anticipates will be included in the Design-Build Agreement:

- (a) Payment: The Owner will make monthly progress payments to the Design-Builder over the construction period.
- (b) Price: The Owner will pay the Design-Builder a fixed contract price, which price will not exceed the Design-Build Price Ceiling to be set out in the RFP.
- (c) Schedule: The Design-Builder will be required to achieve substantial completion of the Facility by a date set out in the Design-Build Agreement. The Owner is targeting Fall 2023 and anticipates discussion of the proposed Project schedule with Proponents.
- (d) Risk Allocation: The Design-Build Agreement will allocate risks to the party best able to manage that risk. Risks allocated to the Design-Builder will include design, schedule, price and geotechnical.
- (e) Warranty: The Owner anticipates requiring the Design-Builder to provide a warranty of two years for the Project.

2.7.2 Key Individuals

The Owner intends to include provisions in the Design-Build Agreement to address the availability of Key Individuals. In certain instances where a Key Individual resigns or is otherwise unavailable to perform their duties, and no replacement satisfactory to the Owner has been retained within the specified timelines, certain deductions from payment or payments to the Owner may be required in recognition of the resulting costs and/or losses or damages incurred by the Owner. Any proposed replacement of a Key Individual will be required to possess expertise and experience that is similar to, if not better than, that of the unavailable Key Individual, and any such replacement is subject to approval of the Owner.





3 COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

This section describes the process that the Owner expects to use in the selection of a Preferred Proponent and the execution of the Design-Build Agreement. The anticipated Competitive Selection Process includes two stages: (a) the RFQ stage and (b) the RFP stage, which includes Contract Execution.

3.1 RFQ STAGE

The Owner anticipates that it will select a shortlist of no more than three Respondents to be Proponents, and then issue an RFP to that shortlist only, from which the Preferred Proponent will be selected in accordance with the terms of the RFP.

3.2 RFP STAGE

The Owner's objective at the RFP stage is to select the Preferred Proponent with whom it may enter into the Design-Build Agreement. The RFP stage is expected to include:

3.2.1 Collaborative Meetings

The RFP stage will include collaborative discussions (the "**Collaborative Meetings**") relating to technical and commercial matters through workshops and topic meetings in accordance with the terms of the RFP, to allow Proponents to provide comments on Project-specific issues raised through the process. It is anticipated that Collaborative Meetings will be held via a virtual meeting platform.

The Owner anticipates that the RFP stage will allow Proponents to provide input on the Initial Draft Design-Build Agreement as follows:

- (a) the Owner will invite each Proponent to review the Initial Draft Design-Build Agreement as provided with the RFP and then meet confidentially and separately with the Owner to discuss any comments or amendments that the Proponent requests to be considered;
- (b) the Owner will consider all comments and requested amendments received from the Proponents and may, at the discretion of the Owner, amend the Initial Draft Design-Build Agreement, and by one or more Addenda issue a revised Initial Draft Design-Build Agreement; and
- (c) ultimately the Owner will issue the Final Draft Design-Build Agreement as the common basis for the preparation of Proposals by the Proponents.

3.2.2 RFP Submission

The form of the RFP submission will be described in the RFP and is expected to address both technical and financial aspects of the Project. It is anticipated that a compliant technical submission addressing the





technical aspects of the RFP will be submitted in advance of a financial submission. The RFP submission is expected to include the following:

- (a) a fully binding Proposal to design and build the Facility;
- (a) a commitment to enter into the Design-Build Agreement by the Design-Builder; and
- (b) committed pricing for the Project, inclusive of all fees and taxes except GST.

3.3 COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

The Owner will not provide any compensation to Respondents for participating in the RFQ stage of the Competitive Selection Process.

If the Competitive Selection Process continues into the RFP stage, the Owner intends to make provision for partial compensation in the amount of \$350,000, inclusive of all taxes, payable to each unsuccessful Proponent in accordance with the terms of the RFP.

3.4 COMPETITIVE SELECTION TIMELINE

The following is the Owner's estimated timeline for the Competitive Selection Process and the Project:

Activity	Timeline
RFQ issue date	July 7, 2020
Introductory Project Meeting	July 22, 2020
RFQ Submission Time	September 10, 2020
Respondent interviews (optional)	Week of September 28, 2020
Announce Shortlisted Respondents	October 2020
Issue RFP and Initial Draft Design-Build Agreement to Proponents	October 2020
Collaborative Meeting #1	November 2020
Collaborative Meeting #2	January 2021
Business-to-Business Networking Session	January 2021
Collaborative Meeting #3	February 2021
Issue Final Draft Design-Build Agreement	March 2021
Submission Time for Technical Submissions	March 2021
Submission Time for Financial Submissions	April 2021
Selection of Preferred Proponent	Spring 2021
Contract Execution	Spring 2021





Activity	Timeline
Design and Construction Commences	Spring 2021
Substantial completion	Fall 2023

All dates in the above timeline are subject to change at the discretion of the Owner.

3.5 INTRODUCTORY PROJECT MEETING

The Owner intends to hold an introductory meeting to introduce the Project and to which all interested parties will be invited. The date of this meeting is anticipated to be July 22, 2020 and is anticipated to be via a virtual meeting platform. All parties who wish to attend should complete and submit a Receipt Confirmation Form for further details. Attendance will not be mandatory.

A list of those attendees that have registered through the Contact Person will be made available to those who have submitted a Receipt Confirmation Form. The PowerPoint presentation from the introductory project meeting will be made available after the meeting to interested parties who have submitted a Receipt Confirmation Form. Minutes will not be prepared or circulated. No information from the meeting may be relied upon unless set out in an Addendum or a response to an Enquiry under Section 4.7.





4 SUBMISSION AND PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Responses to this RFQ must be received at the Submission Location before the Submission Time as stated in the Summary of Key Information (the "Mandatory Requirements"). Responses received after the Submission Time will not be considered. All times will be determined with reference to the clock used by the Contact Person for that purpose.

4.2 RESPONSE FORM AND CONTENT

Responses to this RFQ should be in the form and content described in Appendix A.

4.3 LANGUAGE OF RESPONSES AND ENQUIRIES

Responses should be in English. Any portion of a Response not in English may not be evaluated, and any Enquiry not in English may not be considered.

4.4 NO FAX OR EMAIL SUBMISSION

Responses submitted by fax or email will **not** be accepted.

4.5 RECEIPT OF COMPLETE RFQ

Respondents are solely responsible to ensure that they have received the complete RFQ, as listed in the table of contents, plus any Addenda. Each and every Response is deemed to be made on the basis of the complete RFQ issued prior to the Submission Time. The Owner accepts no responsibility for any Respondent that does not receive all RFQ information.

4.6 RECEIPT CONFIRMATION FORM

Any further information relating to this RFQ will be directed only to parties who have completed and returned the Receipt Confirmation Form (Appendix B). This form is to be completed, executed and delivered to the Contact Person via email.

4.7 ENQUIRIES

All enquiries regarding any aspect of this RFQ should be directed to the Contact Person by email (each an "Enquiry").





Respondents are encouraged to submit Enquiries using the Enquiry Form (Appendix J) and prior to 15:00 Pacific Time on the day that is 10 Business Days before the Submission Time to permit consideration by the Owner; the Owner may, in its discretion, decide not to respond to any Enquiry.

The following will apply to any Enquiry:

- (a) any responses will be in writing;
- (b) Enquiries to, and responses from, the Contact Person will be recorded;
- (c) a Respondent may request that a response to an Enquiry be kept confidential if the Respondent considers the Enquiry to be commercially sensitive, and if the Owner decides that an Enquiry should be distributed to all Respondents, then the Owner will permit the enquirer to withdraw the Enquiry rather than receive a response;
- (d) notwithstanding Section 4.7 (c), any Enquiry and response may, in the Owner's discretion, be distributed to all Respondents, if the Owner in its discretion considers the matter to be a matter of substance or a matter that should be brought to the attention of all Respondents for purposes of fairness in, or maintaining the integrity of, the Competitive Selection Process. The Owner may keep either or both the Enquiry and response confidential if in the judgment of the Owner it is fair or appropriate to do so; and
- (e) the Owner is not required to provide a response to any Enquiry.

4.8 UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION

Information offered to Respondents in respect of this RFQ from sources other than the Contact Person is not official, may be inaccurate, and should not be relied on in any way, by any person, for any purpose.

4.9 DELIVERY AND RECEIPT OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

No fax communication with the Contact Person is permitted with respect to the Project.

The following provisions will apply to any communications with the Contact Person, or the delivery of documents to the Contact Person, by email or other electronic means where such email communications or email or electronic delivery is permitted by the terms of this RFQ.

The Owner does not assume any risk or responsibility or liability whatsoever to any Respondent:

(a) for ensuring that any electronic email system or computer system being operated for the Owner or Partnerships BC is in good working order, able to receive emails or electronic deliveries, or not





- engaged in receiving other emails or deliveries such that a Respondent's email or electronic delivery cannot be received; and/or
- (b) if a permitted email communication or electronic delivery (including electronic delivery of a Response) is not received by the Contact Person, or received in less than its entirety, within any time limit specified by this RFQ.

All permitted email communications with, or electronic delivery of documents to, the Contact Person will be deemed as having been received by the Contact Person on the dates and times indicated on the Contact Person's electronic equipment or by the clock used by the Contact Person for that purpose.

4.10 ADDENDA

The Owner may, in its discretion through the Contact Person, amend or clarify the terms or contents of this RFQ at any time before the Submission Time by issuing a written Addendum. Written Addenda are the only means of amending or clarifying this RFQ, and no other form of communication, whether written or oral, including written responses to Enquiries as provided by Section 4.7, will be included in, or will in any way amend or clarify this RFQ. Only the Contact Person is authorized to amend or clarify this RFQ by issuing an Addendum. No other employee or agent of the Owner is authorized to amend or clarify this RFQ. The Owner will send a notification of any Addendum to all parties who have delivered a completed Receipt Confirmation Form.

4.11 DEFINITIVE RECORD

If there is any inconsistency between the paper form of a document and the digital, electronic or other computer readable form, the electronic conformed version of the RFQ in the custody and control of the Owner prevails.

4.12 REVISIONS PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION TIME

A Respondent may amend or withdraw its Response at any time prior to the Submission Time by delivering written notice to the Contact Person at the Submission Location prior to the Submission Time.

4.13 RESPONSE DECLARATION FORM

Respondents are required to complete the Response Declaration Form, substantially in the form attached as Appendix D or as otherwise acceptable to the Owner in the Owner's discretion, and should include the completed form as part of its Response. The Response Declaration Form will be executed by a signatory





with authority to bind each member of the Respondent Team, and for clarity such signatory may be different than the Respondent Representative.

4.14 RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

Respondents are required to complete the Relationship Disclosure Form, substantially in the form attached as Appendix E, or as otherwise acceptable to the Owner in the Owner's discretion, and should include the completed form as part of their Response. The Relationship Disclosure Form will be executed by a signatory with authority to bind each member of a Respondent Team, and for clarity such signatory may be different than the Respondent Representative.





5 EVALUATION

The evaluation of Responses will be carried out by the Owner with assistance from other persons as the Owner may decide it requires, including technical, financial, legal and other advisors or employees of the Owner or Partnerships BC.

5.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Owner will evaluate Responses by application of the Evaluation Criteria as outlined in Appendix A.

5.2 EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Owner will evaluate Responses based on the information described in Table 3 of Appendix A and may in its discretion also consider any or all additional information received from the steps described in (a)-(e) below.

To assist in the evaluation of the Responses, the Owner may, in its discretion, but is not required to:

- (a) conduct reference checks relevant to the Project with any or all of the references cited in a Response to verify any and all information regarding a Respondent, inclusive of its directors/officers and Key Individuals;
- (b) conduct any additional investigations and/or seek any additional information that it considers necessary in the course of the Competitive Selection Process, including with respect to Nominated Projects and projects in which a Respondent Team member has been involved in the last five years but which are not Nominated Projects;
- (c) seek clarification of a Response or supplementary information from any or all Respondents;
- (d) request interviews with any, some, or all Respondents to clarify any questions or considerations based on the information included in Responses or seek any supplementary information; and
- (e) rely on and consider in the evaluation of the Responses any information obtained as a result of such reference checks, investigations, requests for clarification or supplementary information, interviews, and/or any additional information that it receives during the evaluation process.

The Owner is not obligated to complete a detailed evaluation of all Responses and may, in its discretion, after completing a preliminary review of all the Responses, discontinue detailed evaluation of any Respondent for any reason, including if the Owner:

(f) considers a Response to be incomplete;





- (g) after reviewing the information submitted in a Response relating to the requirements set out in Section 4 of Table 3 of Appendix A, considers that the information submitted is insufficient to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Owner, in its discretion, that the Respondent and each other Respondent Team member (other than Key Individuals) has the financial capacity to fulfill its obligations in respect of the Project; or
- (h) judges the Response or response, when compared to the Responses of other Respondents, to not be in contention to be shortlisted.

The Owner will notify Respondents of the RFQ results by sending a written notice to the Respondent Representative.

The Owner will conduct a debriefing, upon request, for any Respondent if the debriefing is requested within 90 days after a shortlist has been announced. In a debriefing the Owner will discuss the relative strengths and weaknesses of that Respondent's Response, but the Owner will not disclose or discuss any confidential information of another Respondent.

5.3 INTERVIEWS

Respondents may be required by the Owner to participate in interviews regarding their Response during the evaluation process at the request of the Owner. The presentations should be specific to the Project and should not contain any marketing information of the Respondent or any member of the Respondent Team.

5.4 CHANGES TO RESPONDENT TEAMS

The Owner intends to issue the RFP only to Respondents that have been shortlisted under this RFQ as Proponents for the RFP stage. If for any reason after the Submission Time a Respondent wishes or requires to add, remove or otherwise change a member of its Respondent Team, or there is a material change in ownership or control (which includes the ability to direct or cause the direction of the management actions or policies of a member) of a member of the Respondent Team, or there is a change to the legal relationship among any or all of the Respondent and its Respondent Team members, then the Respondent will submit a written application to the Owner for approval, including supporting information that may assist the Owner in evaluating the change. The Owner, in its discretion, may grant or refuse an application under this Section, and in exercising its discretion the Owner will consider the objective of achieving a Competitive Selection Process that is not unfair to the other Respondents. For clarity:





- (a) if the application is made after the Proponents have been determined, the Owner may refuse to permit a change to the membership of a Respondent Team if the change would, in the Owner's judgment, result in a weaker team than was originally shortlisted; or
- (b) the Owner may, in the exercise of its discretion, permit any changes to a Respondent Team, including changes as may be requested arising from changes in ownership or control of a Respondent or a Respondent Team member, or changes to the legal relationship among the Respondent Team members such as the creation of a new joint venture or other legal entity or relationship in place of the Respondent Team.

The Owner's approval may include such terms and conditions as the Owner may consider appropriate. This Section 5.4 will apply until issuance of the RFP.





6 RFQ TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6.1 NO OBLIGATION TO PROCEED

This RFQ does not commit the Owner in any way to proceed to an RFP stage or award a contract, and the Owner reserves the complete right to, at any time, reject all Responses and to terminate the Competitive Selection Process established by this RFQ and proceed with the Project in some other manner as the Owner may decide in its discretion.

6.2 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

All documents and other records in the custody of, or under the control of, the Owner are subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("**FOIPPA**") and other applicable legislation.

By submitting a Response, the Respondent represents and warrants to the Owner that the Respondent has complied with applicable laws, including by obtaining from each individual any required consents and authorizations to the collection of information relating to such individual and to the submission of such information to the Owner as part of the Response for the purposes of this RFQ and the Competitive Selection Process.

6.3 CONFIDENTIALITY OF OWNER INFORMATION

All non-public information pertaining to, or provided by or on behalf of, Partnerships BC or the Owner obtained by a Respondent as a result of participation in this RFQ is confidential and will not be disclosed without written authorization from Partnerships BC or the Owner (as applicable). Except as expressly stated in this RFQ and subject to the FOIPPA or other applicable legislation, all documents and other records submitted in response to this RFQ will be considered confidential; however, such information or parts thereof may be released pursuant to requests under FOIPPA or other applicable legislation.

By submitting a Response, a Respondent will be deemed to have agreed to all the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement attached as part of Appendix C to this RFQ.

Proponents will also be required to sign a Participation Agreement as a condition of participating in the RFP, and such agreement will include confidentiality and other provisions. The Owner expects that the form of the Participation Agreement will be substantially as set out in Appendix F.

The Owner has engaged Partnerships BC. Partnerships BC has been and continues to be involved in other projects, and the Owner may receive information in respect of other projects which may be relevant to the Project. Subject to the terms of the RFQ, the Owner may in its discretion disclose information that is available from this Project to Partnerships BC and other projects and may obtain information from other projects.





6.4 COST OF PREPARING THE RESPONSE

Each Respondent is solely responsible for all costs it incurs in the preparation of its Response, including without limitation all costs of providing information requested by the Owner, attending meetings, and conducting due diligence.

6.5 NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY

Each Respondent acknowledges by its submission of a Response that it has investigated and satisfied itself of every condition that affects the Project. Each Respondent further acknowledges and represents that its investigations have been based on its own examination, knowledge, information and judgment, and not upon any statement, representation or information made or given by the Owner, Partnerships BC, the Contact Person or any advisor to the Owner, other than the information contained in this RFQ. Submission of a Response is deemed to be conclusive evidence that the Respondent has made such investigations and that the Respondent is willing to assume, and does assume, all risks affecting the Project, except as otherwise specifically stated in this RFQ. The Owner accepts no responsibility for any Respondent lacking any information.

6.6 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Owner reserves the right, in its discretion, to exercise any or all of the following rights:

- (a) amend the scope of the Project, modify, cancel or suspend the RFQ process or any or all stages of the Competitive Selection Process, at any time for any reason;
- (b) accept or reject any Response based on the Evaluation Criteria as evaluated by the Owner;
- (c) disqualify a Response that fails to meet the Mandatory Requirements set out in Section 4.1, or for any of the reasons set out in Part 2 of Appendix A, or any other reason the Owner determines appropriate;
- (d) waive a defect, irregularity, non-conformity or non-compliance in or with respect to a Response or failure to comply with the requirements of this RFQ, except for Mandatory Requirements, and accept that Response even if such a defect, irregularity, non-conformity or non-compliance or failure to comply with the requirements of this RFQ would otherwise render the Response null and void;
- (e) not accept any or all Responses;
- (f) reject or disqualify any or all Response(s) for any reason without any obligation, compensation or reimbursement to any Respondent or any of its team members;
- (g) re-advertise for new Responses, call for quotes, proposals or tenders, or enter into negotiations for this Project or for work of a similar nature;





- (h) make any changes to the terms of the business opportunity described in this RFQ; and
- (i) amend, from time to time, any date, any time period or deadline provided in this RFQ, upon written notice to all Respondents who submitted a Receipt Confirmation Form.

6.7 LIMITATION OF DAMAGES

Each Respondent, by submitting a Response, agrees that in no event will the Owner or Partnerships BC, or any of their employees, advisors or representatives, be liable, under any circumstances, for any Claim, or to reimburse or compensate the Respondent in any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to costs of preparation of the Response, loss of anticipated profits, loss of opportunity, or for any other matter. Without in any way limiting the above, each Respondent specifically agrees that it will have absolutely no Claim against the Owner or any of its employees, advisors or representatives if the Owner for any reason whatsoever:

- (a) does not select a shortlist of Respondents;
- (b) suspends, cancels or in any way modifies the Project or the Competitive Selection Process (including modification of the scope of the Project or modification of this RFQ or both);
- (c) accepts any compliant or non-compliant Response or selects a shortlist of one or more Respondent(s);
- (d) under the terms of this RFQ, permits or does not permit a Restricted Party to advise, assist or participate as part of a Respondent Team; or
- (e) for any breach or fundamental breach of contract or legal duty of the Owner, whether express or implied.

The Respondent waives any and all Claims whatsoever, including Claims for loss of profits or loss of opportunity, if the Respondent is not shortlisted in the Competitive Selection Process or for any other reason whatsoever.

6.8 OWNERSHIP OF RESPONSES

All Responses submitted to the Owner become the property of the Owner.

6.9 DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY

The Owner is committed to an open and transparent Competitive Selection Process while understanding the Respondents' need for protection of confidential commercial information. To assist the Owner in meeting its commitment, Respondents will cooperate and extend all reasonable accommodation to this endeavour.





The Owner expects to publicly disclose the following information during this stage of the Competitive Selection Process: this RFQ document, the number of Respondents, and the names of Proponents.

To ensure that all public information generated about the Project is fair and accurate and will not inadvertently or otherwise influence the outcome of the Competitive Selection Process, the disclosure of any public information generated in relation to the Project, including communications with the media and the public, will be coordinated with, and is subject to prior approval of, the Owner.

Respondents will notify the Owner of any and all requests for information or interviews received from the media.

Respondents will ensure that all members of the Respondent Team and all others associated with the Respondent also comply with these requirements.

6.10 NO COMMUNICATION OR COLLUSION

By submitting a Response, a Respondent, on its own behalf and as authorized agent of each firm, corporation or individual member of the Respondent Team, represents and confirms to the Owner, with the knowledge and intention that the Owner may rely on such representation and confirmation, that its Response has been prepared without collusion or fraud, and in fair competition with Responses from other Respondents.

Respondents and their Respondent Team members are not to discuss or communicate, directly or indirectly, with other Respondents or their Respondent Team members or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, agents or representatives regarding the preparation, content or submission of their Responses or any other aspect of the Competitive Selection Process.

6.11 NO LOBBYING

Respondents and their respective Respondent Teams, the members of their Respondent Teams, and their respective directors, officers, employees, consultants, agents, advisors and representatives will not engage in any form of political or other lobbying whatsoever in relation to the Project, this RFQ, or the Competitive Selection Process, including for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the Competitive Selection Process. Further, no such person (other than as expressly contemplated by this RFQ) will attempt to communicate in relation to the Project, this RFQ, or the Competitive Selection Process, directly or indirectly, with any representative of the Owner, the Government of British Columbia (including any Minister or Deputy Minister, any member of the Executive Council, or any Members of the Legislative Assembly) any Restricted Parties, or any director, officer, employee, agent, advisor, consultant or representative of any of the foregoing, as applicable, for any purpose whatsoever.





In the event of any lobbying or communication in contravention of this Section by any Respondent, Respondent Team members, or their respective directors, officers, employees, consultants, agents, advisors or representatives, the Owner in its discretion may at any time, but will not be required to, reject any and all Responses submitted by that Respondent without further consideration.

6.12 RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE AND REVIEW PROCESS

The Owner reserves the right to disqualify any Respondent that in the Owner's opinion has a conflict of interest or an unfair advantage, whether it is existing now or is likely to arise in the future, or may permit the Respondent to continue and impose such conditions as the Owner may consider to be in the public interest or otherwise required by the Owner.

Respondents will submit the form attached as Appendix E and disclose all conflicts of interest or unfair advantage.

Respondents, including all firms, corporations or individual member of a Respondent Team, will promptly disclose to the Contact Person any potential conflict of interest and existing business relationships they may have with the Owner, Partnerships BC (or any members of the Owner or Partnerships BC) or others providing advice or services to the Owner with respect to the Project, or any other matter that gives rise, or might give rise, to an unfair advantage. At the time of such disclosure, the Respondent will advise the Contact Person how the Respondent proposes to mitigate, minimize or eliminate the situation.

For the purposes of this RFQ, references to unfair advantage include references to confidential information that is not, or would not reasonably be expected to be, available to all Respondents.

The Owner and the Conflict of Interest Adjudicator may, in their discretion, consider actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest and unfair advantage.

6.12.1 Use or Inclusion of Restricted Parties

The Owner may, in its discretion, disqualify a Respondent, or may permit a Respondent to continue and impose such conditions as the Owner may consider to be in the public interest or otherwise required by the Owner, if the Respondent is a Restricted Party, or if the Respondent uses a Restricted Party:

- (a) to advise or otherwise assist the Respondent respecting the Respondent's participation in the Competitive Selection Process; or
- (b) as a Respondent Team member or as an employee, advisor or consultant to the Respondent or a Respondent Team member.

Each Respondent is responsible, and bears the onus, to ensure that neither the Respondent nor any Respondent Team member uses or seeks advice or assistance from any Restricted Party or includes any Restricted Party in the Respondent Team except as permitted by this Section 6.12.





6.12.2 Current Restricted Parties

At this RFQ stage, and without limiting the definition of Restricted Parties, the Owner has identified the following persons as Restricted Parties.

- Boughton Law Corporation;
- Capex Project Advisory Services Inc.;
- SSA Quantity Surveyors Ltd.;
- Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP;
- Owen D. Pawson Law Corporation;
- HDR Architecture Associates and their sub-consultants, including;
 - Smith + Andersen;
 - Footprint (a member of the Smith + Andersen Group of Companies);
 - Herold Engineering Ltd.;
 - LADR Landscape Architects Inc.; and
- the Owner and Partnerships BC, including their former and current employees who fall within the definition of Restricted Party.

This is not an exhaustive list of Restricted Parties. Additional persons may be added to, or deleted from, the list during any stage of the Competitive Selection Process through an Addendum.

6.12.3 Shared Use

A Shared Use Person is a person identified by the Owner as eligible to enter into arrangements with any and all Respondents but may not enter into exclusive arrangements with any Respondent. As of the date of this RFQ, no Shared Use Persons have been identified.

6.12.4 Conflict of Interest Adjudicator

The Owner has appointed a conflict of interest adjudicator (the "**COI Adjudicator**") to provide decisions on conflicts of interest or unfair advantage issues, including whether any person is a Restricted Party.

The COI Adjudicator and the Owner may make decisions or exercise rights under this Section 6.12 and this RFQ for conflicts of interest, unfair advantage whether addressed in advance or otherwise, and all provisions of this Section 6.12 will apply with such modifications as the Owner or the COI Adjudicator may consider necessary.

The Owner or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, has discretion to establish the relevant processes from time to time.





There is no requirement for all issues to be referred to the COI Adjudicator.

6.12.5 Request for Advance Decision

A Respondent or a prospective member or advisor of a Respondent Team who has any concerns regarding whether a current or prospective employee, advisor or member of that Respondent Team is or may be a Restricted Party, or has a concern about any conflict or unfair advantage it may have, is encouraged to request an advance decision in accordance with this Section 6.12.5.

To request an advance decision on whether a person is a Restricted Party, a Respondent or prospective team member or advisor of that Respondent Team should submit to the Contact Person, not less than 10 Business Days prior to the Submission Time by email, the following information:

- (a) names and contact information of the Respondent and the person for which the advance opinion is requested;
- (b) a description of the relationship that raises the possibility or perception of a conflict of interest or unfair advantage;
- (c) a description of the steps taken to date, and future steps proposed to be taken, to mitigate the conflict of interest or unfair advantage, including the effect of confidential information; and
- (d) copies of any relevant documentation.

The Owner may make an advance decision or may refer the request for an advance decision to the COI Adjudicator. If the Owner refers the request to the COI Adjudicator, the Owner may provide input regarding the issues raised to the COI Adjudicator.

Subject to Section 6.2, all requests for advance decisions will be treated in confidence. If a Respondent or prospective team member or advisor becomes a Restricted Party, it may be listed in an Addendum or in subsequent Competitive Selection Process documents as a Restricted Party.

6.12.6 The Owner May Request Advance Decision

The Owner may also independently make advance decisions, or may seek an advance decision from the COI Adjudicator, where the Owner identifies a potential conflict, unfair advantage or a person who may be a Restricted Party. The Owner will, if it seeks an advance decision from the COI Adjudicator, provide the COI Adjudicator with relevant information in its possession. If the Owner seeks an advance decision from the COI Adjudicator, the Owner will give notice to the possible Respondent and may give notice to the possible Restricted Party so that they may provide input regarding the issues raised to the COI Adjudicator.





The onus is on the Respondent to clear any potential conflict, unfair advantage, or Restricted Party, or to establish any conditions for continued participation, and the Owner may require that the Respondent make an application under Section 6.12.5.

6.12.7 Decisions Final and Binding

The decision of the Owner or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, is final and binding on the persons requesting the ruling and all other parties including Respondents, Respondent Team members and the Owner The Owner or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, has discretion to establish the relevant processes from time to time, including any circumstances in which a decision may be amended or supplemented.

6.12.8 Exclusivity

Unless permitted by the Owner, in its discretion, or permitted as a Shared Use Person, each Respondent will ensure that no member of its Respondent Team, any firm or employer of any of its Key Individuals, or any Affiliated Person of any member of its Respondent Team, or any firm or employer of any of its Key Individuals, participates as a member of any other Respondent Team.

If the Respondent contravenes the foregoing, the Owner reserves the right to disqualify the Respondent, or to permit the Respondent to continue and impose such conditions as may be required by the Owner. Each Respondent is responsible, and bears the onus, to ensure that the Respondent, each member of its Respondent Team, and their respective Affiliated Persons do not contravene the foregoing.

A Respondent or a prospective Respondent Team member who has any concerns regarding whether participation does, or will, contravene the foregoing is encouraged to request an advance decision. To request an advance decision on matters related to exclusivity, the Respondent or prospective Respondent Team member should submit to the Contact Person, not less than ten (10) Business Days prior to the Submission Time by email, the following information:

- (a) names and contact information of the Respondent or prospective Respondent Team member making the disclosure;
- (b) a description of the relationship that raises the possibility of non-exclusivity;
- (c) a description of the steps taken to date, and future steps proposed to be taken, to mitigate any material adverse or potential material adverse effect of the non-exclusivity on the competitiveness or integrity of the Competitive Selection Process; and
- (d) copies of any relevant documentation.

The Owner may require additional information or documentation to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Owner in its discretion that no such non-exclusivity exists or, if it does, that measures satisfactory to the





Owner in its discretion have been or will be implemented to eliminate or mitigate any risk to the competitiveness or integrity of the Competitive Selection Process.

6.12.9 Exclusivity – The Owner May Request Advance Decisions

The Owner may also independently make advance decisions, or may seek an advance decision from the COI Adjudicator, where the Owner identifies a matter related to exclusivity. The Owner will, if it seeks an advance decision from the COI Adjudicator, provide the COI Adjudicator with relevant information in its possession. If the Owner seeks an advance decision from the COI Adjudicator, the Owner will give notice to the Respondent so that it may make its own response to the COI Adjudicator.

The onus is on the Respondent to clear any matter related to exclusivity or to establish any conditions for continued participation, and the Owner may require that the Respondent make an application under Section 6.12.8.

6.12.10 Exclusivity - Decisions Final and Binding

The decision of the Owner or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, is final and binding on the persons requesting the ruling and all other parties including Respondents, Respondent Team members and the Owner. The Owner or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, has discretion to establish the relevant processes from time to time, including any circumstance in which a decision may be amended or supplemented.

The Owner may provide any decision by the Owner or the COI Adjudicator regarding matters related to exclusivity to all Respondents if the Owner, in its discretion, determines that the decision is of general application.

6.13 LEGAL COUNSEL

Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP is a Restricted Party. By submitting a Response, the Respondent and the Respondent on behalf of each Respondent Team member expressly consents to Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP continuing to represent the Owner for all matters in relation to this RFQ and the Project, including any matter that is adverse to the Respondent, despite any information of the Respondent or any Respondent Team member and any solicitor-client relationship that the Respondent may have had, or may have, with Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP in relation to matters other than this RFQ and the Project. This Section is not intended to waive any of the Respondent's rights of confidentiality or solicitor-client privilege. The Owner reserves the right at any time to waive any provision of this Section.





6.14 FAIRNESS REVIEWER

The Owner has appointed Owen D. Pawson as the fairness reviewer (the "Fairness Reviewer") to monitor the Competitive Selection Process. The Fairness Reviewer will act as an independent observer of the fairness of the implementation of the Competitive Selection Process, up to the selection of a Preferred Proponent. The Fairness Reviewer will provide a written report to the Owner that the Owner will make public.

The Fairness Reviewer will be:

- (a) provided full access to all documents, meetings and information related to the process under this RFQ which the Fairness Reviewer, in its discretion, decides is required; and
- (b) kept fully informed by the Owner of all documents and activities associated with this RFQ.

Respondents may contact the Fairness Reviewer directly with regard to concerns about the fairness of the Competitive Selection Process.





7 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

7.1 DEFINITIONS

In this RFQ:

"Addenda" or "Addendum" means each amendment to this RFQ issued by the Contact Person as described in Section 4.10.

"Affiliated Persons" or affiliated person, or persons affiliated with each other, are:

- (a) a corporation and
 - (1) a person by whom the corporation is controlled,
 - (2) each member of an affiliated group of persons by which the corporation is controlled, and
 - (3) a spouse or common-law partner of a person described in subparagraph (1) or (2) or (b);
- (b) two corporations, if
 - (1) each corporation is controlled by a person, and the person by whom one corporation is controlled is affiliated with the person by whom the other corporation is controlled,
 - (2) one corporation is controlled by a person, the other corporation is controlled by a group of persons, and each member of that group is affiliated with that person, or
 - (3) each corporation is controlled by a group of persons, and each member of each group is affiliated with at least one member of the other group;
- (c) a corporation and a partnership, if the corporation is controlled by a particular group of persons, each member of which is affiliated with at least one member of a majority interest group of partners of the partnership, and each member of that majority interest group is affiliated with at least one member of the particular group;
- (d) a partnership and a majority interest partner of the partnership;
- (e) two partnerships, if
 - (1) the same person is a majority interest partner of both partnerships,
 - (2) a majority interest partner of one partnership is affiliated with each member of a majority interest group of partners of the other partnership, or





- (3) each member of a majority interest group of partners of each partnership is affiliated with at least one member of a majority interest group of partners of the other partnership;
- (f) a person and a trust, if the person
 - (1) is a majority interest beneficiary of the trust, or
 - (2) would, if this subsection were read without reference to this paragraph, be affiliated with a majority interest beneficiary of the trust; and
- (g) two trusts, if a contributor to one of the trusts is affiliated with a contributor to the other trust and
 - (1) a majority interest beneficiary of one of the trusts is affiliated with a majority interest beneficiary of the other trust,
 - (2) a majority interest beneficiary of one of the trusts is affiliated with each member of a majority interest group of beneficiaries of the other trust, or
 - (3) each member of a majority interest group of beneficiaries of each of the trusts is affiliated with at least one member of a majority interest group of beneficiaries of the other trust.
- "Apprentices Guidelines" has the meaning set out in Section 2.6.2 (g).
- "Business Day(s)" means a standard day for conducting business, excluding government holidays and weekends.
- "Claim" means any claim, demand, liability, damage, loss, suit, action, or cause of action, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, and all costs and expenses relating thereto.
- "Collaborative Meetings" has the meaning set out in Section 3.2.1.
- "Conflict of Interest Adjudicator" or "COI Adjudicator" has the meaning set out in Section 6.12.4.
- "Competitive Selection Process" means the overall process for the selection of a Preferred Proponent for the Project including, but not limited to, this RFQ.
- "Confidential Information" has the meaning set out in Appendix C.
- "Confidentiality Agreement" means the agreement referred to in Appendix C to this RFQ.
- "Contact Person" means the person identified as such in the Summary of Key Information, or such other person as may be appointed by the Owner for that purpose.





"Contract Execution" means the time when the Design-Build Agreement and all other agreements related to the Project have been executed and delivered and all conditions to the effectiveness of the Design-Build Agreement have been satisfied.

"Design-Build Agreement" has the meaning set out in Section 1.1.

"Design-Build Construction Manager" means the individual responsible for leading the construction of the Project, as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ.

"Design-Build Director" means the individual who represents the Design-Builder and has overall responsibility to design and build the Project, as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ.

"Design-Build Price Ceiling" means the maximum price (inclusive of all taxes except GST) to be paid to the Design-Builder under the Design-Build Agreement as defined in the RFP.

"**Design-Builder**" means the legal entity or legal entities who will enter into the Design-Build Agreement and have the direct responsibility to design and build the Project, as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ.

"Design Firm(s)" means the firm(s) engaged by the Design-Builder to design the Project, as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ.

"Enquiry" has the meaning set out in Section 4.7.

"Evaluation Criteria" means the criteria referred to in Section 2.2 of Appendix A.

"Facility" has the meaning set out in Section 2.1.

"Fairness Reviewer" has the meaning set out in Section 6.14.

"Final Draft Design-Build Agreement" has the meaning set out in Section 2.6.1.

"Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act" or "FOIPPA" has the meaning set out in Section 6.2.

"GST" means Goods and Services Tax.

"Guarantor" means an entity providing financial and/or performance support to the Design-Builder by way of a guarantee or a commitment to provide a parent company guarantee or other proposed credit support in relation to the Project, as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ.

"Initial Draft Design-Build Agreement" means the draft form of Design-Build Agreement issued under the RFP, as amended pursuant to the terms of the RFP.





"**Key Individuals**" of a Respondent Team means the specific individuals, exclusive to the Respondent, filling the following roles (or equivalent), as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ:

- (a) Design-Build Director;
- (b) Design-Build Construction Manager;
- (c) Lead Architect; and
- (d) Structural Lead.

Key Individuals may fill multiple roles provided they have the qualifications and experience for all the roles. A Key Individual role may only be filled by one individual.

"Lead Architect" means the individual responsible for leading the design of the Project, as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ.

"Mandatory Requirements" has the meaning set out in Section 4.1.

"Minimum Requirements" has the meaning set out in Appendix A.

"Nominated Projects" means a project nominated by the Respondent in its Response, as requested in Section 1.3 of Part 3 of Appendix A.

"Owner" means the Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley).

"Participation Agreement" means the form substantially as attached as Appendix F.

"Partnerships BC" means Partnerships British Columbia Inc.

"Preferred Proponent" means the Proponent selected by the Owner pursuant to the RFP to finalize the Design-Build Agreement.

"**Project**" means the design and construction of the Facility and all other works ancillary to the Facility in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement.

"Project Brief" has the meaning set out in Section 1.4.

"**Proponent**" means a Respondent who has been shortlisted under this RFQ to be eligible to submit a Proposal in response to the RFP.

"Proposal" means the submission prepared by a Proponent in response to the Request for Proposals.

"Receipt Confirmation Form" means the form substantially as attached as Appendix B.

"Relationship Disclosure Form" means the form substantially as attached as Appendix E.





"Respondent" means:

- (a) before the Submission Time any party described in Section 1.3 that has signed and submitted a Receipt Confirmation Form confirming an intention to submit a Response; and
- (b) after the Submission Time any party described in Section 1.3 that has submitted a Response.

"Respondent Representative" means the person, identified in the Receipt Confirmation Form (Appendix B) and Response Declaration Form (Appendix D), who is fully authorized to represent the Respondent in any and all matters related to its Response.

"Respondent Team" means a Respondent's proposed Design-Builder, Design Firm(s), Key Individuals and Guarantor(s), as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ.

"Response" means the formal response to this RFQ by a Respondent.

"Response Declaration Form" means the form substantially as attached as Appendix D.

"Restricted Party" means those persons (including their former and current employees) who have a conflict of interest or had, or currently have, participation or involvement in the Competitive Selection Process or the design, planning or implementation of the Project, and who have or may provide a material unfair advantage, including without limitation as a result of any Confidential Information that is not, or would not reasonably be expected to be, available to all other Respondents.

"RFP" means the Request for Proposals, which may be issued by the Owner as a stage of the Competitive Selection Process.

"RFQ" means this Request for Qualifications, including the Appendices, issued by the Owner as the first stage of the Competitive Selection Process.

"Shared Use Person" means those persons, if any, who are specifically named in Section 6.12.3.

"Site" has the meaning set out in Section 1.1.

"Statement of Requirements" has the meaning set out in Section 2.6.1.

"Structural Lead" means the individual responsible for leading the structural design of the Project, as described in the Respondent's Response and as may be changed pursuant to this RFQ.

"Submission Location" means the submission location identified as such in the Summary of Key Information.

"Submission Time" means the time and date indicated as such in the Summary of Key Information.





"Summary of Key Information" means the summary of key information on page i of this RFQ.

7.2 INTERPRETATION

In this RFQ:

- (a) when an action, decision, consent, approval or any other thing is said to be in the Owner's "discretion" or words of like effect, unless the context otherwise requires it means the sole, absolute and unfettered discretion of the Owner;
- (b) the use of headings is for convenience only and headings are not to be used in the interpretation of this RFQ;
- (c) a reference to a Section or Appendix, unless otherwise indicated, is a reference to a Section of, or Appendix to, this RFQ;
- (d) words imputing any gender include all genders, as the context requires, and words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (e) the word "including" when used in this RFQ is not to be read as limiting;
- (f) all dollar values are Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated;
- (g) a reference to a "person" includes a reference to an individual, legal personal representative, corporation, body corporate, firm, partnership, trust, trustee, syndicate, joint venture, limited liability company, association, unincorporated organization, union or government authority; and
- (h) each Appendix attached to this RFQ is an integral part of this RFQ as if set out at length in the body of this RFQ.

This RFQ may be subject to one or more trade agreements.





APPENDIX A RESPONSE GUIDELINES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

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Attached Sample Forms:

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Part 1. Response Guidelines

Responses should:

- (a) be clearly marked with the words, "Response to RFQ Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project" and addressed to the Submission Location;
- (b) include all of the information requested in this Appendix A. Materials that are not requested in this Appendix A may not be evaluated, at the discretion of the Owner;
- (c) be limited to 80 pages, including the Key individuals' resumes, but excluding the following:
 - (1) Package 1;
 - (2) Package 3 (Financial Information);
 - (3) Nominated Projects file; and
 - (4) Any appendices for Package 2.

Material submitted which exceeds the page limit may not be evaluated, at the discretion of the Owner;

- (d) be clear and concise;
- (e) be printable on 8.5" x 11" paper size with a minimum font size of 11 point; and
- (f) be submitted as follows:

Package	Contents	Electronic Submission
Package 1	 Transmittal Letter; Response Declaration Form (see Appendix D) signed by the Respondent; A table containing the names and company names of the Key Individuals; and Relationship Disclosure Form (see Appendix E) signed by the Respondent. 	An electronic copy of the Response is to be uploaded by the Respondent to a secure web-based platform of the Respondent's choosing and the Contact Person given access, as confirmed with the Contact Person in advance as described below. Respondents should upload the following electronic files:
Package 2	Response (see Part 3 of this Appendix A) excluding the financial information provided in Package 3.	 a consolidated file containing the entire Response; an individual file for each of Packages
Package 3	Financial information (see Section 4 of Part 3 of this Appendix A).	1, 2 and 3; and 3) individual files within Packages 2 and
Nominated Projects File	Nominated Projects Summary Matrix (Form A-1) Nominated Projects (Form A-2)	3 for each major section described in Part 3 of the Appendix A. Respondents are responsible to arrange a test of the secure web-based platform with the Contact Person at least two Business Days in advance of the Submission Time.





Part 2. Evaluation

2.1 Minimum Requirements

The Owner will evaluate Responses and determine, in its discretion, if the Respondent Team adequately meets the minimum requirements stated in Table 1 (the "Minimum Requirements"). Should any Respondent Team fail to adequately meet the Minimum Requirements, the Owner may discontinue the evaluation of that Respondent Team's Response in accordance with Sections 5.2 and 6.6 of this RFQ.

Table 1: Minimum Requirements

Financial Capacity

Sufficient financial capacity of the Design-Builder to undertake the Project.

See Section 4 of Response Format (Part 3 of Appendix A).

2.2 Evaluation Criteria

Subject to Section 5.2, for those Respondent Teams that adequately meet the Minimum Requirements, the Owner will evaluate Responses by applying the Evaluation Criteria and weighting in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Evaluation Criteria and Weighting

Section	Evaluation Criteria	Weighting	
Section 2 Design-Builder	Strength and relevance of demonstrated experience and capability of the Design-Builder to undertake the Project with respect to the following:		
and Construction	2.1 Project Development and Management Experience (refer to Section 2.1 of Part 3 of this Appendix)	10 points	
	2.2 Construction Experience (refer to Section 2.2 of Part 3 of this Appendix)	15 points	
	2.3 Design-Builder Key Individuals Experience (refer to Section 2.3 of Part 3 of this Appendix)	20 points	
	 Design-Build Director 		
	 Design-Build Construction Manager 		
	2.4 Key Project Considerations (refer to Section 2.4 of Part 3 of this Appendix)	15 points	
	 Indigenous Participation 		
	 Apprenticeships, Training and Development 		
	 Risks and Opportunities 		
Section 3	Strength and relevance of demonstrated experience and capability to undertake the		
Design	design of the Project based on the following:		
	3.1 Design Firm(s) Experience with Secondary Schools (refer to Section 3.1 of Part 3 of this Appendix)	20 points	





Section	Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
	 3.2 Design Firm(s) Key Individuals Experience (refer to Section 3.2 of Part 3 of this Appendix) Lead Architect Structural Lead 	20 points
Total		100 points

2.3 Disqualification of Responses

Without limitation, the Owner may, in its discretion, disqualify a Response if:

- (a) background investigations reveal any criminal affiliations or activities by the Respondent or a member of the Respondent Team and such affiliations or activities would, in the opinion of the Owner, interfere with the integrity of the Competitive Selection Process; or
- (b) the Response includes a false or misleading statement, claim or information.

The Respondent and any member of the Respondent Team may be required to undertake a criminal records check in order to participate in the Project.





Part 3. Response Format

Respondents should use the section numbers and titles provided in Table 3 below in preparing their Responses.

Table 3: Response Content Requirements

Section	Title	Response Content Requirements
1.	Introduction and Nominated Projects	
1.1	Proposed Respondent Team and Organization	a) Provide the legal name of the entity for each of the Design-Builder and the Design Firm(s) with a short description for publication of teams shortlisted for the RFP stage.
	and Organization	b) Provide an organization chart(s), at the corporate level, including Key Individuals, which shows the reporting relationships, and authority of, the Respondent Team members and any anticipated changes contemplated over the Project's delivery.
		c) Describe the management structure within the Respondent Team and how the Design-Builder and Design Firm(s) will be integrated.
		d) Describe the business relationships among the Respondent Team members (e.g., corporation, joint-venture, partnership).
1.2	Contact Information	 a) Provide the name and contact details for the Respondent Representative. The Respondent Representative will be the only person to receive communication from the Contact Person regarding this RFQ. i. Name; ii. Employer; iii. Mailing/courier addresses; iv. Telephone number; and v. Email address.
1.3	Nominated Projects	a) Submit a maximum of eight (8) Nominated Projects using Form A-1 (Nominated Projects Summary Matrix) and Form A-2 (Nominated Project Details) of this Appendix A. Note that more current Nominated Projects (that have reached substantial completion within the last seven (7) years) may be considered to have greater relevance than older ones.
		b) Confirm that each reference contact is aware their name is being included and is willing to provide a reference to the Owner. References should be current employees of the project owner.





Section	Title	Response Content Requirements	
2.	Design-Builder and Co	Design-Builder and Construction	
2.1	Project Development and Management Experience	 Using up to three (3) Nominated Projects relevant to each of sub-sections a) through c) below, describe the Design-Builder's experience and capability for each of the following: a) Developing, managing and delivering school projects similar in scope and size to the Project (e.g., secondary school facilities), including managing the design process in consultation with various program user groups; b) Project delivery on time and on budget, indicating any variances or changes in the final project schedule and budget from those originally approved. Include examples of how specific schedule and/or budget challenges were managed; and c) Managing through transition of the completed project to the project owner, including: i. Facilitation of the commissioning process and the associated level of user involvement; ii. Development of the deficiency list prior to substantial completion; and iii. Correction of deficiencies and the associated timeline for reaching total completion. 	
2.2	Construction Experience	Using up to three (3) Nominated Projects relevant to each of sub-sections a) and b) below, describe the Design-Builder's construction experience and capability with each of following: a) Constructing projects similar in scope, size, and complexity to the Project (e.g., secondary school facilities), including geotechnical conditions; and b) Coordinating and integrating ongoing quality management and quality control in the construction process.	
2.3	Design-Builder Key Individuals Experience: Design-Build Director Design-Build Construction Manager	 a) Describe the role and responsibility of the following Design-Builder Key Individuals for the Project, as defined in this RFQ and identified in the Project organization chart: Design-Build Director; and Design-Build Construction Manager. b) Provide a resume for each of the above Key Individuals. At a minimum, the following information is required: Name, professional qualifications/designation(s), and a summary of education; References (with contact details including name, title, role, telephone numbers, email addresses, mailing address and preferred language of correspondence) related to at least two (2) relevant projects within the past three (3) years. Respondents are to confirm that each reference contact is aware their name is being included and is willing to provide a reference to the Owner. References should be current employees of the project owner; and 	





Section	Title	Response Content Requirements
		iii. Provide a list of relevant projects and positions held by each of the above Key Individuals within the past ten (10) years, in chronological order, providing a brief description of the role, responsibility, and percentage of time physically spent on the project site for each. Demonstrate how this experience supports the capability of the respective Key Individual for the proposed role in the Project.
		These referenced projects do not need to be Nominated Projects.
		c) Describe the availability of each of the above Key Individuals as follows:
		 i. Percentage of time the Key Individual will dedicate to each phase of the Project by the following four phases: RFP, design, construction and commissioning;
		ii. Percentage of time available to be physically on the Site; and
		 Describe any foreseeable time constraints that will impact the Key Individual's ability to perform according to the Project schedule.
2.4	Key Project Considerations	In a maximum of ten (10) pages total for all of sub-sections a) through c) below, address the key considerations outlined below:
		a) Indigenous Participation – Using up to three (3) reference projects, describe the Respondent Team's experience with Indigenous involvement in project delivery, including either or both of the following:
		i. Working with Indigenous-owned businesses as sub-contractors and in partnerships or joint ventures;
		ii. Indigenous employment (e.g., apprentices and site labour).
		These referenced projects do not need to be Nominated Projects.
		b) Apprenticeships, Training and Development - Describe the Respondent Team's experience and capability, using two (2) past project examples, in developing and implementing programs to integrate, train and develop a diverse workforce (e.g., apprentices, women in non-traditional work, people with disabilities, and/or other traditionally under-represented groups).
		These referenced projects do not need to be Nominated Projects.
		c) Risks and Opportunities –Under the headings of risks and opportunities, identify and describe the considerations that the Respondent Team deems important to the success of the Project. Provide a description of how the Respondent Team is suited to successfully address the considerations identified.





Section	Title	Response Content Requirements	
3.	Design		
3.1	Design Firm(s) Experience with Secondary Schools	 Using up to three (3) Nominated Projects relevant to each of sub-sections a) through c) below, describe the Design Firm(s) design experience and capability for each of the following: a) Designing school projects similar in scope, size, and complexity to the Project, including projects with similar geotechnical conditions; b) Developing designs in consultation with educational program user groups; c) Understanding project owners' aspirations and realizing them through desired project attributes such as: Use and integration of local Indigenous archetypes and materials in the design; Creative use of glazing to allow penetration of natural light; Visual connection of spaces to maximize openness and wayfinding; Manipulation of building form to accentuate the connection between interior and exterior spaces; Creation of social alcoves and informal collaboration space in circulation areas; and Use of glazing to showcase activities taking place in learning and activity spaces. 	
3.2	Design Firm(s) Key Individuals Experience • Lead Architect • Structural Lead	 a) Describe the role and responsibilities of the following Design Firm Key Individuals for the Project, as defined in this RFQ and identified in the Project organization chart: i. Lead Architect; and ii. Structural Lead. b) Provide a resume for each of the above Key Individuals. At a minimum, the following information is required: i. Name, professional qualifications/designation(s) and a summary of education; ii. References (with contact details including name, title, role, telephone numbers, email addresses, mailing address and preferred language of correspondence) related to at least two (2) relevant projects within the past three (3) years. Respondents are to confirm that each reference contact is aware their name is being included and is willing to provide a reference to the Owner. References should be current employees of the project owner; and iii. Provide a list of relevant projects and positions held within the past ten (10) years, in chronological order, providing a brief description of the role and responsibility for each. Demonstrate how this experience supports the capability of the Lead Architect and the Structural Lead for their proposed roles in the Project. For the Structural Lead, demonstrate experience working with similar site conditions (e.g., liquefiable site, high water table) 	





Section	Title	Response Content Requirements
		These referenced projects do not need to be Nominated Projects. c) Describe the availability of the Lead Architect and the Structural Lead as follows:
		 i. Percentage of time the Key Individual will dedicate to each phase of the Project by the following four phases: RFP, design, construction and commissioning; and
		 Describe any foreseeable time constraints that will impact the Key Individual's' ability to perform according to the Project schedule.
4.	Financial Capacity	
4.1	Financial Capacity	Demonstrate the financial capacity of the Respondent Team (Design-Builder or Guarantor as applicable) by providing the following:
		 a) Written confirmation from an insurance company, generally in the form of the Insurance Undertakings contained in Appendix H and Appendix I, that the following coverage will be available for the Project if the Respondent is awarded a contract:
		 i. Commercial general liability insurance coverage of not less than \$25 million inclusive per occurrence; \$25 million general aggregate for bodily injury, death and damage to property including loss of use thereof; product/completed operations liability with a limit of \$25 million annual aggregate.
		ii. Professional liability insurance coverage of not less than \$5 million per claim.
		b) Written confirmation from a surety, generally in the form of the Bonding Undertaking contained in Appendix G, that the Respondent will be able to obtain a \$35 million performance bond and a \$35 million labour and materials payment bond written by a surety, or sureties, authorized to conduct business in British Columbia, if the Respondent is awarded a contract.

Form A-1 Nominated Projects Summary Matrix

See separate Excel file.





Form A-2 Nominated Project Details

Identify Respondent, Respondent Team Member, and number projects sequentially 1 through 8. Maximum three pages in length per project.

Item	Notes to Respondents
Name of project	Details including official project name and contract number.
Location of project	Country, province/state, site or project extent.
Owner	Organization name.
Reference contact details	Current information for key owner contacts (individuals), including name, title, role, telephone numbers, email addresses, mailing address and preferred language of correspondence. By providing this information, the Respondent is authorizing the Owner or the Owner's representatives to contact these individuals for all purposes, including gathering information and documentation, in connection with this RFQ.
Contract model	Contract structure, e.g, design-build, stipulated sum.
Contract period (term)	Contract commencement date, end of construction date, and contract end date.
Description of project	Capital value, scope and complexity, including purpose of facility (e.g., secondary school (include number of students facility is sized to accommodate)).
Relevance	Establish the relevance of the Nominated Project to the Project (e.g., procurement approach, experience with secondary schools, liquefiable sites, knowledge of the local trades and local labour market).
Current status of project	Describe the current status of the project relative to key milestone events.
Role(s) on project	Specific role, duties and responsibilities of applicable Respondent Team members.
Joint Venture	If the project involved is a joint venture, identify the joint venture partner(s) and discuss the breakdown of responsibilities between the parties.
Performance	Describe the performance in meeting obligations related to the contract. If there were any issues during the design and construction phase (e.g., interpretation issues), describe how they were resolved. In addition, describe performance as it relates to schedule management, scope management, budget management and owner satisfaction.
Other information	Any information the Respondent considers relevant to the Evaluation Criteria.





APPENDIX B RECEIPT CONFIRMATION FORM

Respondent Contact Information

(To be submitted by the Respondent Representative on receipt of this RFQ)

Request for Qualifications

Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project

To receive any further distributed information about this Request for Qualifications, please execute and email <u>both</u> pages of this Receipt Confirmation Form as soon as possible to:

Partnerships BC

Email: catherine.silman@partnershipsbc.ca

Name of Respondent:		
Street Address:		
City:	Postal/Zip Code:	
Province/State:	Country:	
Mailing Address, if different:		
Email Address:	Telephone:	
Contact Person:		





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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERMS OF RFQ AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The undersigned is a duly authorized representative of the Respondent and has the power and authority to sign this Receipt Confirmation Form on behalf of such Respondent or other interested party.

The Respondent or other interested party hereby acknowledges receipt and review of this RFQ and all of the terms and conditions contained therein, including, without limitation, all appendices attached thereto and agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions set out in this RFQ.

For greater certainty, the Respondent or other interested party in executing this Receipt Confirmation Form agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Agreement provisions set out in Appendix C.

Respondent Representative or other interested party:

Authorized Signature
Name of the Authorized Signatory
Title
Date





APPENDIX C CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

1. Interpretation

In this Agreement:

- (a) Agreement means this Appendix C, which is subject to the RFQ.
- (b) Confidential Information means all documents, knowledge and information provided by the Owner or any of its Representatives (the Disclosing Party) to, or otherwise obtained by, the Recipient or any of its Representatives (the Receiving Party), whether before or after the date of this Agreement, and whether orally, in writing or other visual or electronic form in connection with or relevant to the Project, this RFQ, the RFP or the Competitive Selection Process including, without limitation, all design, operational and financial information, together with all analyses, compilations, data, studies, photographs, specifications, manuals, memoranda, notes, reports, maps, documents, computer records or other information in hard copy, electronic or other form obtained from the Disclosing Party or prepared by the Receiving Party containing or based upon any such information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Confidential Information does not include information that:
 - is or subsequently becomes available to the public, other than through a breach of this Agreement by the Receiving Party or through a breach of a Confidentiality Agreement which another person has entered into concerning the Confidential Information;
 - (2) is subsequently communicated to the Receiving Party by an independent third party, other than a third party introduced to the Receiving Party by the Disclosing Party or connected with the Project, without breach of this Agreement and which party did not receive such information directly or indirectly under obligations of confidentiality;
 - (3) was rightfully in the possession of the Receiving Party or was known to the Receiving Party before the date of this Agreement and did not originate, directly or indirectly, from the Disclosing Party;
 - (4) was developed independently by the Receiving Party without the use of any Confidential Information; or
 - (5) is required to be disclosed pursuant to any judicial, regulatory or governmental order validly issued under applicable law.





- (c) Permitted Purposes means evaluating the Project, preparing a Response, and any other use permitted by this Agreement.
- (d) Recipient means a Respondent or any other interested party who completes a Receipt Confirmation Form.
- (e) Representative means a director, officer, employee, agent, accountant, lawyer, consultant, financial advisor, subcontractor, Key Individual, or other member of a Respondent Team or any other person contributing to or involved with the preparation or evaluation of Responses or proposals, as the case may be, or otherwise retained by the Recipient, the Owner or Partnerships BC in connection with the Project.
- (f) all capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Agreement have the respective meanings ascribed to them in Section 7.

2. Confidentiality

The Recipient will keep all Confidential Information strictly confidential and will not without the prior written consent of the Owner, which may be unreasonably withheld, disclose, or allow any of its Representatives to disclose, in any manner whatsoever, in whole or in part, or use, or allow any of its Representatives to use, directly or indirectly, the Confidential Information for any purpose other than the Permitted Purposes. The Recipient will make all reasonable, necessary and appropriate efforts to safeguard the Confidential Information from disclosure to any other person except as permitted in this Agreement, and will ensure that each of its Representatives agrees to keep such information confidential and to be bound by the terms contained herein.

3. Ownership of Confidential Information

The Owner owns all right, title and interest in the Confidential Information and, subject to any disclosure requirements under applicable law, and except as permitted by this Agreement, the Recipient will keep all Confidential Information that the Recipient receives, has access to, or otherwise obtains strictly confidential for a period of three years after the date of this Agreement, and will not, without the prior express written consent of an authorized representative of the Owner, which may be unreasonably withheld, use, divulge, give, release or permit or suffer to be used, divulged, given or released, any portion of the Confidential Information to any other person for any purpose whatsoever.

4. Limited Disclosure

The Recipient may disclose Confidential Information only to those of its Representatives who need to know the Confidential Information for the purpose of evaluating the Project and preparing its Response or





proposal as applicable and on the condition that all such Confidential Information be retained by each of those Representatives as strictly confidential. The Recipient will notify Partnerships BC, on request, of the identity of each Representative to whom any Confidential Information has been delivered or disclosed.

5. Destruction on Demand

On written request, the Recipient will promptly deliver to Partnerships BC or destroy all documents and copies thereof in its possession or control constituting or based on the Confidential Information and the Recipient will confirm that delivery or destruction to Partnerships BC in writing, all in accordance with the instructions of Partnerships BC; provided, however, that the Receiving Party may retain one copy of any Confidential Information that it may be required to retain or furnish to a court or regulatory authority pursuant to applicable law.

6. Acknowledgment of Irreparable Harm

The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the Confidential Information is proprietary and confidential and that the Owner or Partnerships BC may be irreparably harmed if any provision of this Agreement were not performed by the Recipient or any party to whom the Recipient provides Confidential Information in accordance with its terms, and that any such harm could not be compensated reasonably or adequately in damages. The Recipient further acknowledges and agrees that the Owner will be entitled to injunctive and other equitable relief to prevent or restrain breaches of any of the provisions of this Agreement by the Recipient or any of its Representatives, or to enforce the terms and provisions hereof, by an action instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction, which remedy or remedies are in addition to any other remedy to which the Owner may be entitled at law or in equity.

7. Waiver

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right or remedy under this Agreement by the Owner will be deemed to be a waiver of that right or remedy. No waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement will be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of that provision or of any similar provision.

8. Severability

If any portion of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable by law by a court of competent jurisdiction then that portion will be severed and the remaining portion will remain in full force and effect.

9. Enurement

This Agreement enures to the benefit of the Owner and Partnerships BC and binds the Recipient and its successors.





APPENDIX D RESPONSE DECLARATION FORM

By executing this Response Declaration Form, the Respondent agrees to the provisions of this RFQ and this Response Declaration Form. Capitalized terms in this Response Declaration Form are defined in Section 7 of this RFQ.

[RFQ Respondent's Letterhead]

To: Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)

c/o Partnerships BC

Attention: Catherine Silman

Re: Request for Qualifications titled "Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project"

[Insert Respondent Name] Response

In consideration of the Owner's agreement to consider Responses in accordance with the terms of this RFQ, the Respondent hereby agrees, confirms and acknowledges, on its own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Respondent Team, that:

- (a) Response
 - (1) This Response Declaration Form has been duly authorized and validly executed;
 - (2) The Respondent is bound by all statements and representations in its Response;
 - (3) Its Response is in all respects a fair Response made without collusion or fraud; and
 - (4) The Owner reserves the right to verify information in the Respondent's Response and conduct any background investigations including criminal record investigations, verification of the Response, credit enquiries, litigation searches, bankruptcy registrations and taxpayer information investigations or other investigations on all or any of the Respondent Team members, and by submitting a Response the Respondent agrees that it consents to the conduct of all or any of those investigations by the Owner.





(b) Acknowledgements with Respect to this RFQ

- (1) The Respondent has received, read, examined and understood the entire RFQ including all of the terms and conditions, all documents listed in this RFQ's table of contents, and any and all Addenda;
- (2) The Respondent agrees to be bound by the entire RFQ including all of the terms and conditions, including without limitation Section 6.7, all documents listed in this RFQ's table of contents, and any and all Addenda;
- (3) The Respondent's Representative identified below is fully authorized to represent the Respondent in any and all matters related to its Response, including but not limited to providing clarifications and additional information that may be requested in association with this RFQ;
- (4) The Respondent has disclosed all relevant relationships, in accordance with the instructions and format outlined in the Relationship Disclosure Form; and
- (5) The Respondent has had sufficient time to consider, and has satisfied itself as to the applicability of the material in this RFQ and any and all conditions that may in any way affect its Response.

(c) Evaluation of Responses

(1) This RFQ is not an offer, a tender or a request for proposals; it is a Request for Qualifications and the responsibility of the Owner is limited to consider Responses in accordance with this RFQ.

(d) Consent of Respondent Team

- (1) The Respondent has obtained the express written consent and agreement of each member of the Respondent Team, as listed below, to all the terms of this Response Declaration Form.
- (e) The Respondent Team consists of:

Table 1: Firm Names

Name of Respondent Team Member – Firms	Address	Role on Team	
Any firm mentioned in the Response should be included in the table above.			





Table 2: Individual Names

Name of Respondent Team Member - Individual	Address	Role on Team	Key Individual (Y/N)		
Any individual mentioned	in the Response sho	uld be included in the table abo	ve.		
RESPONDENT		RESPONDENT REPR	RESPONDENT REPRESENTATIVE		
Name of Firm		Name	Name		
Address		Email Address	Email Address		
Address					
Name of Authorized Sign	atory	Telephone			

If the Respondent is a joint venture or special purpose entity – by each of its joint venture or consortium members, as applicable.



Signature



APPENDIX E RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

By executing this Relationship Disclosure Form, the Respondent is making the disclosure on its own behalf and on the behalf of each member of the Respondent Team.

The Respondent declares on its own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Respondent Team that:

- (a) this declaration is made to the best of the knowledge of the Respondent and, with respect to relationships of each member of the Respondent Team, to the best of the knowledge of that member.
- (b) the Respondent and the members of the Respondent Team have reviewed the definition of Restricted Parties and the non-exhaustive list of Restricted Parties in Section 6.12.2.
- (c) the following is a full disclosure of all known relationships that the Respondent and each member of the Respondent Team has, or has had, with:
 - (1) the Owner;
 - (2) any listed Restricted Party;
 - (3) any current shareholders, directors or officers, as applicable, of the Owner or any listed Restricted Party;
 - (4) any former shareholders, directors or officers, as applicable, of the Owner or any listed Restricted Party, who ceased to hold such position within two calendar years prior to the Submission Time; and/or
 - (5) any other person who, on behalf of the Owner or a listed Restricted Party, has been involved in the Competitive Selection Process or the design, planning or implementation of the Project or has confidential information about the Project or the Competitive Selection Process.





Name of Respondent Team Member	Name of Party with Relationship	Details of the Nature of the Relationship with the Listed Restricted Party/Person
e.g. Firm Name Ltd.	Partnerships BC	Firm Name Ltd. is working with Partnerships BC on Project X.
e.g. John Smith	Owner Name	Respondent Team member was an employee/advisor to the Restricted Party from to)
Each Respondent Team required.).	to submit one Relationship Disclos	sure Form. Add additional pages as

NAME OF RESPONDENT
Address
Email Address
Telephone
Name of Authorized Signatory for Respondent
Signature





APPENDIX F PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

[Insert Date]

Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) c/o Partnerships BC 3rd Floor, 707 Fort Street Victoria BC V8W 3G3

Attention: Catherine Silman, Contact Person

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project – Participation Agreement in respect of the Request for Proposals issued by the Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) on July 7, 2020, as amended or otherwise clarified from time to time, including by all Addenda (the "RFP")

This letter agreement sets out the terms and conditions of the Participation Agreement between [Insert Proponent Name] (the "Proponent") and the Owner, pursuant to which the Proponent agrees with the Owner as follows:

- **1. Defined Terms**. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Participation Agreement have the meanings given to them in the RFP.
- 2. Participation. The Proponent agrees that as a condition of participating in the RFP, including the Competitive Selection Process, Collaborative Meetings and access to the Data Room, the Proponent will comply with the terms of this Participation Agreement and the terms of the RFP.
- 3. Confidentiality. The Proponent will comply with, and will ensure that all of the Proponent Team members and others associated with the Proponent also comply with, the Confidentiality Conditions attached as Schedule 1 to this Participation Agreement, all of which conditions are expressly included as part of this Participation Agreement.
- 4. Terms of RFP. The Proponent will comply with and be bound by, and will ensure that all of the Proponent Team members and others associated with the Proponent also comply with and are bound by, the provisions of the RFP all of which are incorporated into this Participation Agreement by reference. Without limiting the foregoing, the Proponent agrees:





- (a) that the terms of this Participation Agreement do not limit the Proponent's obligations and requirements under the RFP, any Data Room agreement, or any other document or requirement of the Owner:
- (b) to be bound by the disclaimers, limitations and waivers of liability and Claims and any indemnities contained in the RFP, including Section [▼] (Limitation of Damages) of the RFP. In no event will the liability of the Owner exceed the amount calculated pursuant to Section [▼] (Partial Compensation for Participation in the RFP) of the RFP;
- (c) that the Owner's and the Proponent's obligations in respect of payments of partial compensation or other similar payment are as set out in Section [▼] (Partial Compensation for Participation in the RFP) of the RFP; and
- (d) that the Owner's and the Proponent's obligations in respect of the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit are as set out in Sections [▼], [▼] and [▼] of the RFP.
- **5. Amendments**. The Proponent acknowledges and agrees that:
 - (a) the Owner may in its discretion amend the RFP at any time and from time to time; and
 - (b) by submitting a Proposal the Proponent accepts, and agrees to comply with, all such amendments and, if the Proponent does not agree to any such amendment, the Proponent's sole recourse is not to submit a Proposal.

6. General.

- (a) Capacity to Enter Agreement. The Proponent hereby represents and warrants that:
 - (1) it has the requisite power, authority and capacity to execute and deliver this Participation Agreement;
 - i. this Participation Agreement has been duly and validly executed by it, or on its behalf by the Proponent's duly authorized representatives; and
 - ii. this Participation Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.
- (b) Survival following cancellation of the RFP. Notwithstanding anything else in this Participation Agreement, if the Owner, for any reason, cancels the Competitive Selection Process or the RFP, the Proponent agrees that it continues to be bound by, and will continue to comply with, Section 3 of this Participation Agreement.





- (c) Severability. If any portion of this Participation Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable by law by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that portion will be severed and the remaining portion will remain in full force and effect.
- (d) *Enurement*. This Participation Agreement enures to the benefit of the Owner and binds the Proponent and its successors.
- (e) Applicable Law. This Participation Agreement is deemed to be made pursuant to the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein and will be governed by and construed in accordance with such laws.
- (f) *Headings*. The use of headings is for convenience only and headings are not to be used in the interpretation of this Participation Agreement.
- (g) *Gender and Number*. In this Participation Agreement, words imputing any gender include all genders, as the context requires, and words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- (h) *Including*. The word "including" when used in this Participation Agreement is not to be read as limiting.

Yours truly,	
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Name of Proponent	
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Authorized Signatory	





SCHEDULE 1

Confidentiality Conditions

- 1. **Definitions**. In these confidentiality conditions:
 - (a) Confidential Information means all documents, knowledge and information provided by the Disclosing Party to, or otherwise obtained by, the Receiving Party, whether before or after the date of the RFP, whether orally, in writing or other visual or electronic form in connection with or relevant to the Project, the RFP, this RFQ or the Competitive Selection Process, including, without limitation, all design, operational and financial information, together with all analyses, compilations, data, studies, photographs, specifications, manuals, memoranda, notes, reports, maps, documents, computer records or other information in hard copy, electronic or other form obtained from the Disclosing Party or prepared by the Receiving Party containing or based upon any such information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Confidential Information does not include information that:
 - (1) is or subsequently becomes available to the public, other than through a breach by the Receiving Party of the terms of this Schedule 1;
 - (2) is subsequently communicated to the Receiving Party by an independent third party, other than a third party introduced to the Receiving Party by the Disclosing Party or connected with the Project, without breach of this Schedule 1 and which party did not receive such information directly or indirectly under obligations of confidentiality;
 - (3) was rightfully in the possession of the Receiving Party or was known to the Receiving Party before the date of the RFP and did not originate, directly or indirectly, from the Disclosing Party;
 - (4) was developed independently by the Receiving Party without the use of any Confidential Information; or
 - (5) is required to be disclosed pursuant to any judicial, regulatory or governmental order validly issued under applicable law;
 - (b) **Disclosing Party** means the Owner or any of its Representatives;





- (c) **Permitted Purposes** means evaluating the Project, preparing a Proposal, and any other use permitted by the RFP or this Participation Agreement;
- (d) Receiving Party means the Recipient or any of its Representatives;
- (e) **Recipient** means a Proponent or any other interested party who completes a Receipt Confirmation Form; and
- (f) **Representative** means a director, officer, employee, agent, accountant, lawyer, consultant, financial advisor, subcontractor, Key Individual, or any other person contributing to or involved with the preparation or evaluation of Proposals or proposals, as the case may be, or otherwise retained by the Recipient, the Owner or Partnerships BC in connection with the Project.
- 2. Confidentiality. The Recipient will keep all Confidential Information strictly confidential and will not without the prior written consent of the Owner, which may be unreasonably withheld, disclose, or allow any of its Representatives to disclose, in any manner whatsoever, in whole or in part, or use, or allow any of its Representatives to use, directly or indirectly, the Confidential Information for any purpose other than the Permitted Purposes. The Recipient will make all reasonable, necessary, and appropriate efforts to safeguard the Confidential Information from disclosure to any other person except as permitted in this Schedule 1, and will ensure that each of its Representatives agrees to keep such information confidential and to act in accordance with the terms contained herein.
- 3. Ownership of Confidential Information. The Owner owns all right, title and interest in the Confidential Information and, subject to any disclosure requirements under applicable law, and except as permitted by this Schedule 1, the Recipient will keep all Confidential Information that the Recipient receives, has access to, or otherwise obtains strictly confidential for a period of three years after the date of the RFP, and will not, without the prior express written consent of an authorized representative of the Owner, which may be unreasonably withheld, use, divulge, give, release or permit or suffer to be used, divulged, given or released, any portion of the Confidential Information to any other person for any purpose whatsoever.
- 4. Limited Disclosure. The Recipient may disclose Confidential Information only to those of its Representatives who need to know the Confidential Information for the purpose of evaluating the Project and preparing its Proposal or proposal as applicable and on the condition that all such Confidential Information be retained by each of those Representatives as strictly confidential. The Recipient will notify Partnerships BC, on request, of the identity of each Representative to whom any Confidential Information has been delivered or disclosed.





- 5. Destruction on Demand. On written request, the Recipient will promptly deliver to Partnerships BC or destroy all documents and copies thereof in its possession or control constituting or based on the Confidential Information and the Recipient will confirm that delivery or destruction to Partnerships BC in writing, all in accordance with the instructions of Partnerships BC (for this purpose information stored electronically will be deemed destroyed upon removal from all storage systems and devices); provided, however, that the Receiving Party may retain one copy of any Confidential Information that it may be required to retain or furnish to a court or regulatory authority, pursuant to applicable law.
- 6. Acknowledgment of Irreparable Harm. The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the Confidential Information is proprietary and confidential and that the Owner or Partnerships BC may be irreparably harmed if any provision of this Schedule 1 were not performed by the Recipient or any party to whom the Recipient provides Confidential Information in accordance with its terms, and that any such harm could not be compensated reasonably or adequately in damages. The Recipient further acknowledges and agrees that the Owner will be entitled to injunctive and other equitable relief to prevent or restrain breaches of any provision of this Schedule 1 by the Recipient or any of its Representatives, or to enforce the terms and provisions hereof, by an action instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction, which remedy or remedies are in addition to any other remedy to which the Owner may be entitled at law or in equity.
- **7. Waiver**. No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right or remedy under this Schedule 1 by the Owner will be deemed to be a waiver of that right or remedy.





APPENDIX G BONDING UNDERTAKING

Note: Letters of Undertaking must be on Broker letterhead.

Date: [Insert Date] No. [To be inserted] Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) To: Re: Request for Qualifications - Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project (name of Surety), a corporation created and existing under the laws of Canada and duly authorized to transact the business of Suretyship in Canada as Surety, are the (Respondent). Our client has demonstrated to us in the past an ability to complete its projects in accordance with the conditions of its contracts and we have no hesitation in recommending its services to you. Our client wishes to be prequalified as a Respondent on the captioned project, which we understand will require a Performance Bond in the amount of \$35 million and a Labour and Materials Payment Bond in the amount of \$35 million. Based on the limited information available at this time, and subject to our assessment of the Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project, and our client's work program at the time of submission of its Response, we do not anticipate a problem in supporting the captioned project and supplying the requisite bonds if asked to do so. However, the execution of any bonds will be subject to an assessment of the final contract terms, conditions, financing and bond forms by our client and us. If we can provide any further assurances or assistance, please don't hesitate to call upon us.

Attorney-In-Fact [NTD: this can be the surety or the broker if authorised to issue bonds on behalf of the surety]



(Name of Surety)



APPENDIX H INSURANCE UNDERTAKINGS - COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

UNDERTAKING OF COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

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This	day of	, 20	
SIGNED:			
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(Duly Authorized Representative of Insurance Company)[NTD: Depending on the relationship between the companies, this may be the Insurance Company, Broker or Managing General Agent (as delegated by the insurance company)]





APPENDIX I INSURANCE UNDERTAKINGS - PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

UNDERTAKING OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

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APPENDIX J ENQUIRY FORM

Request Number:

Respondent Team:

Date:

Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project

ENQUIRIES

Do you request this query to be Commercial in Confidence?	□ Yes □ No
This form may be used for single and multiple enquiries.	
Enquiry/Enquiries:	



