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Design builder named for RIH's Clinical Services Building

KAMLOOPS – Today, Interior Health announced that it has selected Bird Construction Inc. as its preferred proponent to design and build the new Clinical Services Building (CSB) at Royal Inland Hospital.

“Royal Inland Hospital plays a critical role in health care in the Interior and we’re moving forward with our commitment to the community,” said Health Minister Terry Lake. “Today’s announcement brings us that much closer to the start of construction on the Clinical Services Building.”

“The Clinical Services Building will feature new expanded clinical outpatient space, medical school teaching space, additional parking and improved access that will benefit patients here in Kamloops as well as in the surrounding region,” said Kamloops-South Thompson MLA Todd Stone. “I am happy to see the project continue to move forward.”

Three pre-qualified proponents were shortlisted in August 2013 for the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage of the competitive selection process. Following review and careful evaluation of the final submissions, Bird Construction emerged as the preferred proponent.

The Bird project team was also the design-builder of the Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre and the RCMP ‘E’ Division Headquarters, both in Surrey.

“I look forward to the emergence of an advanced facility that will improve patient access to services while laying the groundwork for future expansion at RIH, as outlined in the Master Site Plan,” said Interior Health Board Chair Norman Embree.

As part of the design-build agreement, the preferred proponent is responsible for completing the final designs of the Clinical Services Building and for overseeing the subsequent construction of the new facility. The CSB will improve site access and provide expanded space for medical outpatient services, as well as clinical education program space, the UBC medical school, additional parking stalls and a pedestrian bridge link connecting the new building to the main hospital.

The CSB project cost is approximately \$79.8 million, and will be shared between the Province and the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

“The community has looked forward to this project for a long time, and I’m pleased to see next steps being taken,” said Fraser-Nicola MLA Jackie Tegart. “Royal Inland Hospital is a vital component in the health care services provided for Kamloops and area residents.”

“It’s great to see that we are moving one step closer to the start of construction for the Clinical Services Building,” said Kamloops Mayor Peter Milobar, Chair of the Thompson Regional Hospital District. “The expansion of this hospital has been one of my priorities as Mayor and Chair of the TRHD, and I want to thank Interior Health for continuing to move this important project forward.”

Construction on the building is expected to commence this spring and will take approximately two years to complete.

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