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## IH seeks construction managers for final phase of project

Interior Health (IH) has issued a request for proposals for construction management services to complete renovations of the Strathcona Building at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH).

“From the start of the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre project, our goal was to keep patients closer to home,” said Premier Christy Clark, MLA for Westside-Kelowna. “Since the cardiac surgery program started in December 2012, more than 1,300 surgeries have been performed at KGH, and this final phase will provide patients more comfort during what is already a difficult time.”

This RFP supports the final phase of the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre (IHSC) project, and will see parts of the Strathcona Building reconfigured and renovated to provide clinical and support services to the Cardiac Revascularization program.

“These renovations reflect the ministry’s priority of providing patient-centered care while building upon all of the improvements made at KGH over the past eight years,” said Health Minister Terry Lake. “It will also go a long way to supporting the only cardiac surgery program outside of Victoria and Vancouver.”

The request for proposals has been posted on the BC Bid website ([www.bcbid.ca](http://www.bcbid.ca)) and seeks construction management services for:

- Renovations to Strathcona Level 2 to accommodate six coronary care unit (CCU) beds (plus space for 2 future CCU beds), 20 cardiac telemetry inpatient beds and 14 cardiac surgery inpatient beds, including associated support spaces.
- Renovations to accommodate expansion of various support services space and logistic offices on Strathcona Level 1.
- Mechanical and electrical upgrades within the Strathcona and Royal Buildings.

“All of the rooms in the renovated space will be single patient rooms, which support enhanced care through patient privacy and improved infection control,” said Steve Thomson, MLA Kelowna-Mission.

The work on the Strathcona Building, expected to be completed in 2017, will be done in phases to support the new cardiac and surgical operations in the IHSC, which opens in late September 2015.

“Renovations to the Strathcona Building will enhance care services for patients across the region and include enhancements such as six coronary care unit beds, 14 cardiac surgery inpatient beds and 20 cardiac telemetry inpatient beds, for those at risk of abnormal heart activity,” said Kelowna-Lake Country MLA Norm Letnick.

The RFP closes on April 29, 2015. Interior Health anticipates awarding the contract to the successful proponents by late spring 2015.

“The RHD is pleased to see the RFP posted,” said Gail Given, Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District Chair. “The renovated space will bring many benefits to patients from across the Central Okanagan.”

“Over the past several years, Kelowna General Hospital has truly transformed into a state-of-the-art teaching hospital,” said Erwin Malzer, IH Board Chair. “This tremendous investment in building better

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patient care will benefit all residents of Interior Health well into the future. We are excited to embark upon this final phase of the IHSC project.”

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