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RFPs issued for next stage of Interior Heart and Surgical Centre project

Interior Health (IH) issued requests for proposals today for architectural, electrical and mechanical consulting services to support renovations of the Strathcona building at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH).

“Going through something as traumatic as surgery is traumatic enough without support. Staying closer to home, with family and loved ones nearby, can make all the difference,” said Premier Christy Clark, MLA for Westside-Kelowna. “This is another step towards a new surgical building in the Interior.”

This RFP will support 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.

“Cardiac services in the Interior will move forward with the release of the request for proposals for the final phase of the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre project - work in the Strathcona building,” said Minister of Health Terry Lake. “In partnership with Interior Health, we are bringing cardiac and surgery programs closer to home to better support Southern Interior patients and their families.”

Three requests for proposals have been posted on the BC Bid website (www.bcbid.ca) and seek consulting services on the architectural, electrical and mechanical components of the project. They include:

- A comprehensive review, study and report on the current mechanical and electrical systems servicing the Strathcona and Royal buildings at KGH to determine requirements for upgrading systems.
- Design for renovations to the existing Pharmacy area on Strathcona Level 1.
- Design for renovations to accommodate expansion of Logistics/Loading Dock, Housekeeping, Nutrition/Food and Laundry Services on Strathcona Level 1.
- Design for renovations to Strathcona Level 2 to accommodate six Coronary Care Unit (CCU) beds (plus shelled space for 2 future CCU beds), 20 Cardiology Telemetry Inpatient Beds and 14 Cardiac Surgery Inpatient Beds, including associated support spaces.
- Design of external links on Levels 2 and 3 from the Strathcona building to the IHSC building
- A comprehensive wayfinding review and implementation for both interior and exterior signage to define requirements for a campus-wide program that guides patients and visitors smoothly into and throughout KGH.

“With today’s announcement, we are making concrete progress towards completing the final phase of this project,” said Kelowna-Mission MLA Steve Thomson. “This is the first ever cardiac critical care centre outside of the Lower Mainland, and we look forward to continuing an excellent treatment program with proven recovery rates.”

The work on the Strathcona building, expected to be completed by 2017, will be done in phases to support the new cardiac and surgical operations in the IHSC building, which will open in 2015.

“It can make a world of difference to a patient’s recovery to have access to a surgical facility in, or close to, their home community, without having to travel away from family and friends,” said Kelowna-Lake

Country MLA Norm Letnick. “It is exciting for Interior residents that we are taking another step towards the completion of the new Interior Heart and Surgical program, which will offer the highest standards of cardiac care.”

“The RHD is pleased to see the RFP posted and the final phase of this project proceeding to completion,” said Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District Chair Robert Hobson.

“The IHSC project is an important step in expanding KGH’s role as a tertiary teaching hospital for the Southern Interior,” said IH Board Chair Norman Embree. “Interior Health looks forward to its successful completion and the benefits it will bring to patients from across the region.”

The RFPs close on September 26, 2013. Interior Health anticipates awarding the contract to the successful proponents by October 2013.

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