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### **John Hart project business event announced**

BC Hydro and SNC-Lavalin have announced the business opportunity event dates of March 31 and April 1 for the upcoming subcontractor and jobs opportunities for the John Hart Generating Station Replacement Project. There will be three separate business events over two days. The first day is for construction-related companies only, the morning of the second day will be open to targeted ancillary businesses, and the afternoon will be for qualified individual job seekers. All events require online registration and space will be limited.

“This business event is a continuation of a process that began a few years ago to profile local business capabilities and capacity, and the opportunity to get involved in this billion dollar project,” says Campbell River Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Colleen Evans. “It all started with the major project business portal going online in fall 2011, the highly successful business speed dating event in summer 2012, and now this important interaction with the John Hart contractor. We hope businesses continue to get actively involved.”

To register businesses and people must go to <http://cr.majorprojects.ca> and fill out an online registration form. Online registration commences February 28 at 9:00 am and closes March 26 at 4:00 pm or as soon as all available registration slots are filled. There is registration space for about 120 construction contractors and suppliers, about 112 spaces for ancillary businesses, and up to 600 individual job seekers who will be provided process overviews on potential hiring. Registration slots will be filled on a first come basis. Confirmed qualified registrants will receive the business event details and overview, including the time of their meeting session with SNC-Lavalin.

“This event is the logical next stage in the procurement process for the John Hart project,” says Vancouver Island Construction Association CEO, Greg Baynton. “It provides an excellent opportunity for contractors and suppliers to have a face to face interview with SNC-Lavalin to discuss the opportunities and requirements associated with the project. I would encourage all interested contractors and suppliers to register early.”

Applicants filling out the online registration form will need to select the appropriate job theme that they are qualified.

“The third event on April 1 is an information event for job seekers to learn more from SNC-Lavalin representatives and their team members about the occupations that will be in demand and when they will be needed,” says North Island Employment Found's Society Executive Director, Doug Preston. “It will be about the when and how to connect with employers involved with the project and will assist job seekers in targeting the right employment opportunity at the right time. Everyone wins when employers can connect with people who have the skills and experience they need. This will be an information session and resumes will not be accepted at this event.”

All three business events on March 31 and April 1 are open to all businesses and individuals located on or off Vancouver Island.

SNC-Lavalin's team consists of their generator and turbine supplier, IMPSA, their financial lenders including Bank of Nova Scotia, Alberta Treasury Branch and National Bank Financial, to their design builders that include AECOM and Frontier-Kemper Construction ULC (tunneling).

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