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## Interior Health issues Invitation to Tender for Clinical Services Building site preparation

Interior Health is moving forward with the next step in the construction process for the first phase of redevelopment at Royal Inland Hospital. An Invitation to Tender has been issued to pre-qualified contractors for work to occur this fall on the future site of the Clinical Services Building.

“This Invitation to Tender signals another important milestone in the redevelopment of Royal Inland,” said Minister of Health Terry Lake. “Recognizing the vital role this project will play in meeting the growing needs of families throughout the region we are pleased to see things moving forward quickly.”

The scope for the Invitation to Tender includes preparation of the Clinical Services Building site and relocation of underground utility services.

“Construction of the Clinical Services Building will result in not only improved access to care but also additional construction jobs to support the local economy,” said Kamloops South-Thompson MLA Todd Stone.

The Design-Build contract for the Clinical Services Building is expected to be awarded in spring 2014 following completion of the Request for Proposal (RFP) phase of the competitive selection process. Having the site preparation complete in advance of the RFP close is the most efficient way to ensure this important project remains on schedule.

“We are moving forward to fulfill our commitment to provide new clinical outpatient space as well as increased parking and improved access for Royal Inland,” said Norman Embree, Interior Health board chair.

The new building will cost approximately \$79.8 million and will be cost-shared between the province and the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

“Interior Health continues to work with the City in planning for the Clinical Services Building, and we look forward to the next important step when site preparation will get underway on the hospital grounds,” said Kamloops Mayor Peter Milobar, chair of the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

The Clinical Services Building will improve site access and provide expanded space including: new UBC medical school and clinical educational program space; expanded medical outpatient services; additional parking stalls and a walk-way connecting the new building to the main hospital.

Construction on the building is expected to commence in spring 2014 and will take approximately two years to complete.