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Contract signed to build East Pandosy Clinical Support Building

KELOWNA – Graham Design-Build Services has signed a fixed-price contract with Interior Health to design and build the East Pandosy Clinical Support Building (CSB) at Kelowna General Hospital.

“I’m pleased to see this phase of the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre Project move forward,” said Kelowna-Mission MLA Steve Thomson. “This milestone signifies the next step towards delivering accessible and state-of-the-art cardiac and surgical services to residents of the Southern Interior.”

The CSB is part of the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre (IHSC) Project, which was announced by the Province on Jan. 25, 2010. It will house laboratory and clinical support departments that will be moved from the existing hospital in preparation for the start of construction of the IHSC building in 2012.

“A project as large as the IHSC requires extensive planning and coordination,” says Westside-Kelowna MLA Ben Stewart. “The CSB will ensure the needs of the many complex services at Kelowna General are provided for.”

The \$47 million CSB will be a three-storey, 7,850 square-metre (84,470 square-foot) building located across Pandosy Street from the main campus of KGH. It will be connected to KGH by an enclosed bridge across Pandosy between the third floors of the Clinical Support Building and the Centennial Patient Care Tower.

“The CSB is one part of a major investment into patient care here in the Okanagan,” said Kelowna-Lake Country MLA Norm Letnick. “In fact, with both the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre Project and the Kelowna Vernon Hospitals Project, we are investing nearly a billion dollars for patients in this region.”

The CSB will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold standards to ensure high-performance standards are met, minimizing operating costs and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. To meet the commitment of British Columbia’s Wood First Act and showcase the use of wood, extensive use of wood will be used throughout the building.

“This building and the IHSC project as a whole will help Interior Health achieve its goal of providing some of the highest quality acute care services in the province,” said Interior Health Board Chair Norman Embree. “Interior Health is committed to ensuring sustainable healthcare by improving innovation, productivity and efficiency, and these new facilities at KGH support that goal.”

Today’s announcement represents the completion of an open and competitive design-build procurement process. Graham Design-Build Services will begin removing the pre-load material and mobilizing equipment at the site over the next few weeks. Construction is expected to get underway this winter. The CSB will be open to clients in 2012.

“The Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District’s Board is excited about this next phase in the development of the KGH hospital site,” said Robert Hobson, Chair of the Regional Hospital District Board, which is a

funding partner in the IHSC Project. “Once completed, the clinical support building will provide improved health care services to our residents.”

The provincial government is making record investments in health-care facilities in southern B.C. and throughout the province. Over the next three years, British Columbia’s health-care system will benefit from investments such as new medical equipment and modernized health facilities as part of a \$2.4-billion health-sector capital plan.

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BACKGROUND

Clinical Support Building – Design-Build Team

Graham Design-Build Services, a JV, leads a team that combines the strength, innovation and experience of Canadian-based construction and architecture firms that have come together to deliver the East Pandosy Clinical Support Building at Kelowna General Hospital.

Graham Construction Ltd. will be responsible for constructing the new facility, while Stantec Architecture Ltd. is responsible for the design of the project.

Graham Design-Build Services, a JV, was chosen in early December as the preferred proponent through an extensive Request for Proposals evaluation. The evaluation team was comprised of industry experts from clinical, technical, financial, architecture and engineering fields.

A fairness advisor, Jane Shackell, QC, of Miller Thomson LLP., was engaged to monitor the entire procurement process. A copy of the fairness advisor's report will be available shortly at www.partnershipsbc.ca.

The Interior Heart and Surgical Centre Project

Features of the new Interior Heart and Surgical Centre (IHSC) Project include:

- A new, 7,850-square-metre (84,470-square-foot) Clinical Support Building (CSB) to house the lab and support programs that will be relocated from their present locations in the Pandosy building to make way for construction of the IHSC—to be completed in 2012.
- Fitting-out levels five and six of the patient care tower to house the psychiatric inpatient program and inpatient beds, to be relocated prior to the demolition of the Pandosy building—to be completed in 2012.
- Relocation of programs to new patient care tower and CSB, demolition of the Pandosy building and site preparation for the new building.
- Renovations of 3,000-square-metres (32,300-square-feet) of the Royal building for the PCI and diagnostic cardiology programs—to be completed in 2013.
- A new, separate 12,970-square-metre (139,590-square-foot) IHSC building to house the cardiac program as well as the surgical suite and inpatient support units on the site of the existing Pandosy building—to be completed in 2016.
- Renovations of 4,250-square-metres (45,750-square-feet) of the Strathcona building for the inpatient units, critical care units and support departments—to be completed in 2017.