



## Okanagan Correctional Centre Project Wins Silver at 18<sup>th</sup> Annual CCPPP Awards for Innovation and Excellence in P3s

Toronto, October 28, 2015 – The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) is proud to announce that the Okanagan Correctional Centre P3 project has won the Silver Award in the Community Involvement category of the 2015 National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Public-Private Partnerships (P3s).

“There is no doubt that many First Nations communities in Canada face a significant infrastructure gap as well as the added challenge of accessing the P3 market,” said Mark Romoff, President and CEO of CCPPP. “The Okanagan Correctional Centre is a unique and groundbreaking partnership with the Osoyoos Indian Band (OIB), and serves as a model of how to develop and build a best-in-class P3 on First Nations land,” added Romoff.

The OCC is a state-of-the-art correctional centre under construction in the Senkulmen Business Park in Oliver, British Columbia, part of the Osoyoos Indian Band’s traditional Reserve lands. This new facility will significantly increase the province’s correctional services capacity, improve safety for staff and inmates, and act as an ongoing economic catalyst in an economically depressed region of the province. The OCC will be constructed to attain Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED®) Gold certification ensuring a high-level of sustainability is achieved for the building.

“The new Okanagan Correctional Centre will more than double corrections capacity in B.C.’s interior, further enhancing public safety for communities, correctional staff and inmates throughout the province,” said B.C. Minister of Justice Suzanne Anton. “The OCC will also generate significant economic benefits for our South Okanagan region. This includes the creation of up 1,000 direct and indirect jobs supporting the build, and another 240 new, full-time correctional positions when the centre opens early 2017.”

The Okanagan Correctional Centre Project is a partnership of the Government of British Columbia, the Osoyoos Indian Band, and a private-sector consortium led by Plenary Group. The project is expected to achieve value for taxpayer’s dollars of \$39.3 million (or 14 percent) when compared to the traditional procurement delivery method.

The award will be presented on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Council’s annual conference. This event is internationally recognized as the premier forum on public-private partnerships, bringing together 1,200 senior government and business leaders from across Canada and around the world.

**About The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships:** Established in 1993, CCPPP is a national not-for-profit, non-partisan, member-based organization with broad representation from across the public and private sectors. Its mission is to promote innovative approaches to infrastructure development and service delivery through public-private partnerships with all levels of government. The Council is a proponent of evidence-based public policy in support of P3s, facilitates the adoption of international best practices, and educates stakeholders and the community on the economic and social benefits of public-private partnerships.

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