

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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RFQ, RFPs ISSUED FOR NEW RJH PATIENT CARE CENTRE

VICTORIA – The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) today issued one Request For Qualification (RFQ) and five Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for projects related to the new patient care centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

The new patient care centre received provincial government funding approval last Friday. The patient care centre project has four separate parts:

- New inpatient accommodation
- Power plant upgrade
- Additional parking
- Critical Program Relocation

The RFQ issued today is for the new inpatient accommodation building, which is the main component of the overall project. The RFQ invites interested and qualified teams to participate in a competitive process that will result in the selection of a team to design, build, finance and maintain the 500-bed patient care centre. The RFQ will result in a shortlist of proponents who will be invited to submit proposals under a Request For Proposal (RFP) to be issued later this Summer. VIHA expects to have selected a preferred proponent for the new building by the end of the calendar year, with construction to begin Spring 2008.

The five RFPs relate to the upgrading of the existing power plant, electrical supply and infrastructure systems at RJH, which are essential to the construction and operation of the new patient care centre. The RFPs are for:

- Architect for energy centre and site infrastructure
- Structural consultant for energy centre and site infrastructure
- Mechanical consultant for energy centre and site infrastructure
- Electrical consultant for energy centre and site infrastructure
- Quantity Surveyor.

The initial cost of the overall project is estimated to be \$269 million. The final cost of the overall project is dependent on the bids that are submitted as a result of the competitive processes and the market conditions throughout the competitive selection process.

The RFQ and RFPs are available at www.bcbid.ca

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