

## Information Bulletin

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### **Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) Issued for Phase 1 of the Coquihalla Highway**

VANCOUVER – Partnerships British Columbia, on behalf of the Province of British Columbia, is initiating a competitive process for a proposed arrangement to operate and service the 109-kilometre section of the Coquihalla Highway between Hope and Merritt in British Columbia.

Under the proposed arrangement, the Province will enter into a 55-year agreement granting a private sector firm the right to manage, operate and rehabilitate the Highway, and to collect and retain tolls on the Highway.

The selection process for this opportunity includes three stages – a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI), followed by a Request for Qualifications, and then a Request for Proposals.

Partnerships British Columbia is inviting interested parties to submit Expressions of Interest with respect to this opportunity. In their Expressions of Interest, interested parties will be required to demonstrate their expertise or capacity to finance the proposed arrangement, their previous experience with transportation infrastructure assets, or their previous experience managing or operating a highway.

The submission time for Expressions of Interest is no later than June 6, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time.

Further information about this opportunity, including instructions on how to obtain a copy of the REOI, is available at [www.th.gov.bc.ca/reoi/](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/reoi/)

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