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PHSA and Affinity Partnerships complete financial close for BC Children's and BC Women's Hospital Redevelopment Project

VANCOUVER - The construction of the new Teck Acute Care Centre at BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre took a major step forward, with the signing of the contract between the Provincial Health Services Authority and Affinity Partnerships for Phase 2 of the Redevelopment Project.

"The new Teck Acute Care Centre is one of the largest health care capital investments in British Columbia, and our government is pleased to support ongoing infrastructure and innovation in the care of our province's children, youth, women and families," said Health Minister Terry Lake.

The signing of the contract signals the end of negotiations and the finalization of a fixed-price, performance-based partnership agreement with Affinity Partnerships to design, build, finance and maintain the Teck Acute Care Centre. Affinity Partnerships will maintain the Teck Acute Care Centre for 30 years as part of the contract.

The Teck Acute Care Centre will be an eight-storey facility, approximately 59,400 sq.meters (640,000 sq. feet) in size.

The new building will include medical/surgical inpatient units, an emergency department, medical imaging and procedural suites, hematology/oncology department and a pediatric intensive care unit for BC Children's. It also includes high-risk birthing and a new neonatal intensive care unit for BC Women's.

"The new facilities will enable caregivers to continue to provide exceptional care to BC's women, children and families," said Wynne Powell, Provincial Health Services Authority Board Chair.

The facility will be designed to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standard and include extensive use of wood, consistent with the Province of BC's Wood First Act.

Demolition of two wings of an old building and construction of the new facility will get underway this year with completion by 2017. Phase Two of the Redevelopment Project will create approximately 2,000 direct and 1,250 indirect jobs.

The total cost of the three-phase Redevelopment Project is estimated at \$676 million. The provincial government contribution to the overall project is \$532 million. From the \$150 million raised towards the Redevelopment Project by the BC Children's Hospital Foundation, approximately \$144 million will be used in Phase 2.

BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre are both agencies of Provincial Health Services Authority. The Provincial Health Services Authority plans, manages and evaluates selected specialty and province-wide health care services, working with the five regional health authorities to deliver solutions that improve the health of British Columbians.

BC Children's provides expert care for the province's most seriously ill or injured children and youth, as well as offering a range of specialized services for children. BC Women's provides services for pregnant women, newborns, families and women with specialized health needs from throughout the province.

A backgrounder follows.

BACKGROUND

BC Children's & BC Women's Redevelopment Project

The BC Children's and BC Women's Redevelopment is a project of the Provincial Health Services Authority and is a three-phase, multi-year plan to build the new Teck Acute Care Centre and to renovate existing facilities at BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre.

This project is organized for implementation in three phases:

Phase 1: Renovation and Relocation (2010-2014):

- Addition of three neonatal intensive care beds, construction of a new clinical support building, renovations to existing buildings and expanded space for the University of British Columbia Medical School.

Phase 2: Build a new Acute Care Centre (2014-2017):

- The new building will include medical/surgical inpatient units, an emergency department, medical imaging and procedural suites, hematology/oncology department and a pediatric intensive care unit for BC Children's. It also includes high-risk birthing and a new neonatal intensive care unit for BC Women's.

Phase 3: Renovation, Relocation and Expansion (2018-2019):

- Features an expansion of services for women and children at BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre and Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children will move to the Oak Street site.

Affinity Partnerships' equity partners include joint venture between Balfour Beatty Investments and Ledcor Developments.

- Construction services will be delivered through a joint venture between Balfour Beatty Construction and Ledcor Design Build.
- Balfour Beatty Communities and Black & McDonald Limited will participate in a joint venture to deliver facilities management services over the 30-year agreement period.
- Design is being provided in a partnership between Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects (ZGF) LLP & CEI Architecture.
- All clinical services will be funded by the Province and delivered by BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre, in keeping with the principles of the Canada Health Act.

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