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## Royal Inland redevelopment RFQ short list announced

Three qualified proponents have been short listed to participate in the next stage of the competitive selection process to design and build the new Clinical Services Building at the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops.

“This is another important step in the process to select a team to design and build a new clinical services building at Royal Inland Hospital,” says Minister of Health Terry Lake. “This first phase of redevelopment will feature new expanded clinical outpatient space, improved building access and additional parking that will benefit patients here in the Interior.”

Nine Design-Build teams responded to the Clinical Services Building Request for Qualifications, which closed on June 26. Following evaluation of the responses, the three teams invited to move on to the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage are: EllisDon Corporation, Bird Design-Build Construction Inc., and Graham Design Builders LP.

“The redevelopment of Royal Inland Hospital is a priority for me as an MLA,” says Kamloops South-Thompson MLA Todd Stone. “This hospital plays a critical role in our health care system, and I am pleased that progress is being made.”

The project team was pleased with the number of responses, noting that the nine respondent teams include several local, regional, national and international design and construction firms.

“By moving forward with this first phase of redevelopment we are getting closer to improving patient access to services; addressing the increasing demand for outpatient services; and laying the groundwork for future expansion at the hospital prescribed in the Master Site Plan,” says Interior Health Board Chair Norman Embree.

The RFP is expected to be released to short-listed proponents in late August.

The Clinical Services Building will cost approximately \$79.8 million and will be cost-shared between the province and the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

“The expansion of Royal Inland is a major priority for the community of Kamloops and the surrounding region. It’s good to see the procurement process progressing on schedule,” says Kamloops Mayor Peter Milobar, Chair of the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

The Clinical Services Building will improve site access and provide expanded space including: new UBC medical school and clinical educational program space; expanded medical outpatient services; additional parking stalls and a walk-way connecting the new building to the main hospital.

Construction on the building is expected to commence in spring 2014 and will take approximately two years to complete.