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Three Companies Short-Listed To Bid On New St. Catharines Hospital

Niagara Health System Project Attracts Interest

Toronto, ON - Infrastructure Ontario and the Niagara Health System have short-listed three companies to design, build, finance and maintain the new hospital. The short-listed building teams were pre-qualified through a request for qualifications process, which began in November 2006.

"This is one of the largest hospital capital projects announced to date by the McGuinty government," said David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal. "Our government is rebuilding Ontario's public infrastructure at an unprecedented rate. We're redeveloping and constructing new hospitals together with our partners in a way that ensures value for taxpayers' dollars, as we build strong, prosperous communities."

The following companies have been short-listed for this project based on their development, construction, financial, and facilities management capacity to undertake a project of this size and complexity:

- **Hospital Infrastructure Partners Inc.** - Carillion Canada, EllisDon Corporation, LPF Infrastructure Fund (Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Ontario), Stantec/Murphy Hilgers Architects in Joint Venture, Rybka, Smith and Ginsler
- **Plenary Health** - Plenary Group, PCL Constructors, Bregman + Hamann Architects and Silver Thomas International Architects, Johnson Controls, Deutsche Bank
- **Infusion Health** - Bilfinger Berger BOT, John Laing, Vanbots Construction, Parkin Architects/Vermeulen-Hind Architects in Joint Venture, Honeywell Building Solutions, RBC Capital Markets

Once completed, the new state-of-the art health-care facility will consolidate acute, and ambulatory services on a new site for the residents of St. Catharines, Thorold and the immediate area. The bigger, more modern facility will provide new programs and services such as cardiac catheterization, radiation therapy for cancer treatment and longer-term mental health services which will improve access to these specialized services for residents across Niagara.

"The Niagara Health System project signals our government's commitment to modernize and expand health care infrastructure to improve access to quality health care," said George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

"This new hospital will provide St. Catharines and the Niagara region with critical treatments for heart and cancer care closer to home," stated Jim Bradley, MPP for St. Catharines. "Our communities deserve the very best health care facilities we can offer and it's exciting for us to continue to move forward with this project."

"The identification of the short-listed building teams is yet another milestone for this healthcare project that will benefit all of Niagara. A tremendous amount of progress has already been made and we look forward to working through this next very exciting phase leading to the tender of the hospital project to the short-listed building teams," said Debbie Sevenpifer, President and CEO, Niagara Health System.

The short-listed building teams will be invited to respond to a request for proposals (RFP) for the project, which will be issued in mid 2007.

Infrastructure Ontario will work with the Niagara Health System to build the hospital, which will remain publicly owned, publicly controlled and publicly accountable. Infrastructure Ontario is a Crown corporation dedicated to managing some of the province's larger and more complex infrastructure renewal projects — ensuring they are built on time and on budget.

This project is guided by principles outlined in the Province's Building a Better Tomorrow policy framework, which ensures public ownership of core assets such as hospitals, schools, and water and wastewater facilities. The Niagara Health System project is one of many infrastructure projects being upgraded and modernized under ReNew Ontario, the government's five-year, \$30-billion plus public infrastructure investment plan.

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