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Equipment procurement update: Notice to qualified bidders

As construction of our new health complex progresses, focus is being placed on equipment selection and preparing for the move to the new facility which will open in the spring of 2013. There will be various milestones to be achieved involving the tendering of 17 major equipment packages over the next year.

To date, the following packages have been active:

- TP#1 Reverse Osmosis closed on October 5, 2010
- TP#3 Articulating Arms & Operating Room Integration closed on October 15, 2010
- TP#5 Diagnostic Imaging (Procure and Install) RFP was released on October 18, 2010
- TP#2 Sterilization to be released on November 10, 2010

Invitation to submit proposals for RFP Proposal: EQ04-I/C-RFP01-C – Food Services

Currently, qualified bidders are invited to submit a proposal for the supply, installation and commissioning of the inpatient food services tender package.

The nutrition and food service model proposed in this RFP will ensure that NHS has the systems, processes and technologies to provide high quality meals served at proper temperatures in the most efficient manner. The facility will include a Meal Assembly and Distribution Facility (MADF) that will enable NHS to support the in-patient needs of the Facility, as well as the remaining hospitals within the health system.

The RFP documents are available here:

<http://app.e-builder.net/public/PublicFolderView.aspx?FolderID={171f0be7-3488-48f2-b1ef-c7104de48c28}>

To facilitate a fair and transparent process, all tender information and associated deadlines are also available online at the following locations: merx.com, biddingo.com and gobidniagara.com.

Bidders are required to submit one duly signed and sealed original and five additional copies using the Proposal Forms supplied with the RFP Documents; including all information required by the RFP Documents.

Proposals may be delivered by hand or by courier to the address shown below:

PCL Constructors Canada Inc.
c/o NHS Health Care Complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre
1200 Fourth Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P9.
Attention: Mr. Ron Turner

Proposals must be received by the Project Manager no later than December 14, 2010 3:00:00 PM EST at the above office. No late submissions will be accepted for any reason. Valid proposals will be opened privately.

Background information:

The Niagara Health System (NHS) is Ontario's largest multi-site hospital amalgamation comprised of seven sites serving 434,000 residents across the 12 municipalities making up the Regional Municipality of Niagara. The NHS is currently constructing a brand-new, state-of-the-art health complex on a Greenfield site in west St. Catharines to replace the aging St. Catharines General Site and Ontario Street Site (formerly the Hotel Dieu Hospital).

The new health complex will offer acute and critical inpatient services, surgical, emergency and ambulatory services under one roof for the residents of St. Catharines, Thorold, Niagara-on-the-Lake and the immediate area; as well as providing new regional services never before available in Niagara, including treatments for cancer, heart disease and longer-term mental health disease.

The NHS has partnered with Plenary Health Niagara to design, build, finance and maintain the new facility for approximately 34 years, ensuring it is built on time and on budget. Our construction partner PCL Constructors Canada Inc. commenced work on site in April of 2009.

Construction will be complete in November 2012, with the facility opening its doors to patients in the spring of 2013.

Installation of the 25,000 plus equipment items will take place between the summer of 2011 and November 2012. Plenary Health Niagara and the NHS will follow several overriding principles to guide this transparent process.

The remaining packages include: ICT Infrastructure; Audio Visual; Radiation Oncology; Laboratory; Non-Medical Furniture; Pharmacy; Anaesthesia/Monitoring; Beds, Stretchers and Clinical Furniture; Medical/Surgical; Shelving and Carts; ICT Peripheral Devices; and Appliances.

The final equipment selections will be made by the NHS in keeping with policies, while recognizing that existing and regional standards may be in place. Further details regarding potential future business opportunities will be made known to the public as they develop; including the procurement of equipment, supplies and services. To ensure your business is kept informed of these developments, please contact:

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