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Contracts let for renovations to Thomson Centre

WHITEHORSE – Two local firms, Kobayashi and Zedda Architects, and Dorward Engineering, will partner with the Vancouver-based Stantec Architects and Engineering, on the renovation design work to the Thomson Centre building on Hospital Road.

The successful project bidders were announced today by Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart and Yukon Hospital Corporation board chair Craig Tuton.

A portion of the Thomson Center building, owned by the Yukon Hospital Corporation, will be leased to the Yukon government for use once again as a long-term care facility.

"Conservative estimates indicate the number of seniors in Yukon will double in the next 20 years," Hart said. "Seniors are living longer, healthier lives but we still expect increased demands on our services, including our long-term care programs."

Tuton said the bid that best met the government and hospital goals of getting the beds opened quickly came from Stantec in partnership with the two local companies.

"The Yukon Hospital Corporation is very interested in making the best use of the facility," Tuton said. "Stantec are experts in this field and clearly understand what the needs are and how we need to move this project along. Partnering with two local firms gives them the local expertise."

"Through recommendations by Stantec, we found we can best address some of the needs existing now in Yukon by updating part of the Thomson Centre so it may be used for the purposes for which it was originally built. Then we can focus on our priorities in planning for the future," Hart added.

Planning and design work begins immediately and will be completed by June 2010 when a tender for the renovations will be let. It is estimated that these renovations will be completed by the fall of 2010.

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