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Preferred proponent selected for Whistle Bend continuing care project

WHITEHORSE—A preferred proponent has been selected to design and build the new Whistle Bend continuing care facility following the conclusion of the request for proposals phase of the 150-bed project.

The naming of PCL Constructors Westcoast Inc. with design partners CEI Architecture and Derek Crawford Architect Inc. as the preferred proponent follows an extensive competitive selection process of the three teams shortlisted to design and build Yukon's next continuing care facility.

"The competition for this design-build contract has been a rigorous process, and we are very pleased that the highest-ranked team has emerged as the preferred proponent to deliver one of Yukon's largest-ever capital projects," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "It will be an exceptional facility, designed to provide maximum value and benefits for Yukoners."

The Government of Yukon will negotiate with PCL Constructors Westcoast Inc. to settle the final terms of the design-build agreement. Negotiations are expected to result in a performance-based contract in the new year. Construction will begin in early 2016, with a target completion date of mid-2018. A second business-to-business networking session will be held to connect local contractors and service providers with the design-build team.

"We've heard from Yukoners and our health care professionals that this continuing care facility is urgently needed," Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon said. "We are excited to move forward on this facility. It embraces best practices based on informed evidence from across the nation, and is designed with a lens that encompasses aging and dementia care. With this facility, Yukon will continue to be a national leader in providing a broad continuum of services to seniors."

The total value of the project is estimated to be \$158 million and details about the final design-build contract and the project cost will be made public after the agreement has been signed. In addition, once the final contract is in place, the Yukon government will unveil the initial facility design, complete with 3D renderings and a project fly-through, posted to the project website.

Learn more: <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/whistlebend/>

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A fairness advisor, John Singleton Q.C., was appointed to oversee and monitor the evaluation process to ensure that it was fair and followed the requirements outlined in the request for proposals. The report of the fairness advisor concluded that the process for selecting the preferred proponent was fair, reasonable and appropriate.

The fairness advisor's report will be publicly available on the Whistle Bend Continuing Care website at: <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/whistlebend/>.

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