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New high school in Whitehorse moving forward

WHITEHORSE—Today the Yukon government announced that it has signed an Intent to Award letter to Clark Builders for the F.H. Collins Secondary School replacement project. Construction is anticipated to begin this spring with expected completion fall of 2015.

"When we opened the bids, we were pleased all bidders were within our estimated budget," Minister of Highways and Public Works Wade Istchenko said. "We have now selected the lowest bidder in the tender process as our successful contractor, and we are moving towards construction of the new school with a proven design and a capable and qualified contractor."

Clark Builders' bid is for \$31,138,889.

Clark Builders began operating in Yellowknife in 1974. Several years later, the company moved its headquarters to Edmonton and continues to maintain its Yellowknife office. It now has more than 1,100 employees in Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories. The company has undertaken numerous construction projects in rural and remote areas throughout northern Canada.

"Clark Builders strongly believes that our success lies in part with the ability to work with local businesses and provide employment in the communities we work in," Clark Builders president and CEO Paul Verhesen said. "We are excited about the local partnerships we have formed, and our goal is to offer opportunities for employment for residents of Whitehorse. We love being a part of building a better, more sustainable future for Canada's North."

The new school will be just over 7,400 square metres and will accommodate up to 750 students. The building will be designed with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles; it will be two storeys high with the gym centrally situated and classrooms located on the outside walls to maximize light. The school will include an industrial kitchen, a cafeteria, large science labs, a First Nations Elders' space and language labs, and a variety of learning spaces to meet the needs of F.H. Collins and the entire school community.

Learn more

F.H. Collins replacement project: www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/fhcollins/newfh/index.html

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