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COMPANIES INVITED TO BID ON UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA HEART INSTITUTE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

OTTAWA – Infrastructure Ontario and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute will release shortly a request for proposals to companies prequalified to build and finance the Heart Institute Cardiac Life Support Services Redevelopment project.

A request for qualifications process that began in September 2013, prequalified the following companies with the construction and financial capacity to undertake a project of this size and complexity:

- Bondfield Construction Company Limited
- EllisDon Capital Inc.
- M. Sullivan & Son Limited
- PCL Constructors Canada Inc.
- Pomerleau Inc.

The University of Ottawa Heart Institute is an academic health science centre dedicated to understanding, treating and preventing heart disease. The project will expand the facility to accommodate the changing needs of the area resulting from shifting demographics and technological advancements, and will improve access to high quality specialized cardiac services for residents in the Champlain Local Health Integration Network region.

New construction at the facility will:

- add five floors of clinical and in-patient services
- expand support services such as biomedical engineering and data services
- add approximately 146,000 square feet of space, about 100,000 of which will house life support services such as cardiac catheterization, cardiac surgery and the cardiac surgery intensive care unit

Redevelopment work at the existing facility will:

- include renovation of approximately 60,000 square feet of space
- provide support services for the heart catheterization/electrophysiology suite, surgical suite and the cardiac intensive care unit
- relocate the cardiac imaging suite

Once submissions to the request for proposals are received and evaluated, the successful project

team is expected to be selected and announced in fall 2014. Construction is expected to begin shortly thereafter.

Infrastructure Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are working with University of Ottawa Heart Institute to expand and renovate the facility, which will remain publicly owned, publicly controlled and publicly accountable.

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Quotes:

Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"The Ottawa Heart Institute is another great example of our government's Action Plan for Health Care commitment to provide the right care, at the right time, in the right place. This project will ensure patients have more access to cardiac and associated specialized care, close to home."

Yasir Naqvi, MPP, Ottawa Centre

"I am delighted to see the Cardiac Life Support Services Redevelopment Project move forward to the request for proposals stage. This project is very important to our community and the government is demonstrating its committed to building and expanding health care facilities in Ottawa."

Dr. Thierry Mesana, President and CEO, University of Ottawa Heart Institute

"Patients come first at the Heart Institute, and we are extremely pleased that the Request for Proposals is moving ahead for our building expansion. We are grateful for the support of our community, and our many stakeholders for making this project happen so that we can continue to heal, care and innovate."

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