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Swift Current long term care project is underway

Earlier this summer the Cypress Health Region and Saskatchewan provincial government announced that plans are moving forward with a new 225 bed long term care facility for Swift Current, Saskatchewan. The project will have an estimated capital cost of \$80M and will be built on a 15 acre parcel of land owned by the health region adjacent to the regional hospital.

The new long term care facility replaces three existing long term care centres and will provide a modern facility that offers high quality of long term care services to individuals requiring Level 3 & 4 care and specialized long term care programming. Construction work for the long term care project in Swift Current is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2014 and the facility to commence operations in the spring of 2016.

The Province and the health region have selected a design-build-finance-maintain (DBFM) public-private partnership procurement model for the project. The formal process to select a team of companies to deliver the project has now started with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued by the health region on August 14, 2013. SaskBuilds will manage the competitive selection process to select the private sector partner team.

The RFQ process is used to identify a shortlist of project teams with relevant design, construction and maintenance capabilities and experience, as well as the financial strength to deliver a project of this size and complexity. Three qualified proponents will be invited to participate in the next stage of the competitive selection process - the Request for Proposals (RFP) – which will identify the preferred proponent.

Saskatchewan companies or businesses who are interested in this project and offering their services as part of a project submission are invited to review the project description and RFQ which is posted on the SaskBuilds website (www.SaskBuilds.ca) or visit SaskTenders (www.sasktenders.gov.sk.ca) and MERX (www.merx.com) for more information.

An Introductory Project Meeting has been set for September 5, 2013 to provide further details to interested parties. Companies interested in the Introductory Project Meeting need to register for the meeting by downloading the RFQ and submitting the receipt confirmation form. An invitation will be sent once the form is received to ensure fairness of process. A list of attendees for the Introductory Project Meeting will be made available to everyone attending or who has submitted a Receipt Confirmation Form.

All forms for the Introductory Project Meeting and any questions regarding the competitive selection process for the Swift Current Long Term Care Centre project must be directed to the project contact person below:

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