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PREFERRED PROPONENT SELECTED FOR MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT

MILTON – Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) have selected Plenary Health as the preferred proponent to design, build, finance and maintain the Milton District Hospital expansion project.

The selection of Plenary Health is the result of extensive evaluations following an open, fair and competitive request-for-proposals process that began in April 2014. The Plenary Health team includes:

- Developer: Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd.
- Constructor: PCL Constructors Canada Inc.
- Architect: B+H Architects, RTKL Associates
- Financial Advisor: RBC Capital Markets
- Facility Manager: Johnson Controls Canada LP

The Milton District Hospital expansion project will add 330,000 square feet of space to the existing 125,000-square-foot hospital. Designed to address the needs of all users, including seniors, children, individuals with visual or cognitive impairments and those using wheelchairs and other mobility aids, the project will focus on meeting the care needs of those living in Milton, the fastest-growing community in Canada. These services include:

- expansion of emergency, surgical services, medical/surgical inpatient units, critical care, maternal newborn and diagnostic imaging and support services
- overall capacity increase from 63 to 129 inpatient beds
- eighty per cent single-patient rooms for improved infection prevention and control and to provide increased patient privacy and a quieter healing environment
- addition of the hospital's first Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine
- a Level 2A Special Care Nursery with capacity for eight bassinets in the Maternal Newborn Unit

The expansion project will target the Canada Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED[®]) rating system, with a goal of achieving LEED[®] Silver certification. LEED[®] buildings focus on healthy indoor environments, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and efficient use of energy, water and other resources.

IO and HHS will now work to finalize contract details with Plenary Health. The project is expected to reach commercial close and financial close in spring 2015, which will mean that relevant contracts have been signed and a financing rate has been set. The contract cost will be announced publicly following financial close and construction is scheduled to begin shortly thereafter.

IO and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are working with HHS to redevelop Milton District Hospital, which will remain publicly owned, controlled and accountable.

Visit www.infrastructureontario.ca and www.haltonhealthcare.com for more information.

Quotes:

Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“Today’s announcement brings us one step closer to getting shovels in the ground on the Milton District Hospital expansion project. This expansion will result in an amazing, state-of-the-art facility, enhancing high-quality health-care services in Canada’s fastest-growing city.”

Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure

“Our government is investing in Ontario's future by making significant infrastructure investments in rapidly expanding communities like Milton. As we collaboratively plan and develop the Milton District Hospital expansion, local residents can look forward to a future with improved access to high-quality health-care services, increased economic activity, and a stronger community.”

Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP for Halton

"This is an exciting announcement for the community of Halton. The progress being made on the expansion of the Milton District Hospital brings our residents closer to the state-of-the-art health-care facility we need. I'm pleased that our government is making it a priority to move this project forward."

Denise Hardenne, President and CEO, Halton Healthcare Services

“This is such an exciting time for the hospital and the community of Milton. We were delighted with the caliber of submissions for this project and want to thank all the proponents for their competitive bids and innovative design solutions. The 330,000-square-foot expansion will greatly enhance the high-quality programs and services we provide to the community of Milton. The expansion and the addition of new services will make a significant difference to the residents of our communities and our staff, physicians and volunteers. We thank the provincial government and the Town of Milton for investing in the health of our community. We are looking forward to working with Plenary Health and the start of construction in 2015.”

Background:

IO is a Crown agency of the Province of Ontario that works to deliver public benefits through partnerships with the private sector. IO delivers large, complex public infrastructure projects using a made-in-Ontario modern procurement and project management practice called Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP). IO also partners with the private sector to manage one of the largest real estate portfolios in Canada, provides municipalities and eligible public-sector clients with loans to renew public infrastructure, and leverages its private-sector expertise to advise the provincial public-sector clients on commercial transactions.

HHS is a progressive, multi-site healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals — Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 300,000 residents in the communities of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. HHS hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. In 2013, HHS was accredited with exemplary standing — the highest possible status granted by Accreditation Canada.

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