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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED FOR
MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT**

MILTON – Infrastructure Ontario and Halton Healthcare Services have issued a request for qualifications to design, build, finance and maintain the Milton District Hospital redevelopment project.

Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, joined representatives from Halton Healthcare Services to make the announcement during a sign unveiling event today at Milton District Hospital.

In the fast-growing community of Milton, this project will focus on increasing the services and facilities that are most in demand. These include emergency, surgical, critical care, maternal newborn, diagnostic imaging and support services, as well as medical/surgical inpatient units.

The request for qualifications is the first step in the procurement process to select a team to design, build, finance and maintain the project. Submissions will be reviewed to pre-qualify project teams with the design, construction experience, qualified personnel and financial strength to deliver a project of this size and complexity. These teams will then be invited to respond to a request for proposals, which is expected to be released in the spring of 2014.

In advance of issuing the request for qualifications, Infrastructure Ontario and Halton Healthcare Services recently contracted Stantec Architecture Inc. as the planning, design and compliance team for the redevelopment project. The planning, design and compliance team establishes the guidelines and performance requirements the successful development team must meet when preparing their submissions for the project. Stantec will also monitor construction progress and provide coordination and oversight services throughout the course of the project.

The redevelopment project will target the Canada Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental 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.

Infrastructure Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are working with HHS to redevelop Milton District Hospital, which will continue to be publicly owned and publicly controlled.

Infrastructure Ontario is a crown agency of the Province of Ontario that delivers large, complex infrastructure renewal projects on time and on budget. Over the last six years, the province has applied Infrastructure Ontario's alternative financing and procurement model to 83 major

projects valued at approximately \$38 billion, saving taxpayers an estimated \$3 billion. Infrastructure Ontario also manages one of the largest real estate portfolios in Canada, provides municipalities and eligible public sector clients with financing to renew public infrastructure, and leverages its private-sector expertise to manage major commercial transactions on behalf of the province.

Halton Healthcare Services is a multi-site healthcare organization that operates three community hospitals in the Towns of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. Located in one of the fastest growing regions in the province, Halton Healthcare Services is committed to growing with its communities.

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Quotes:

Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“Today’s announcement further demonstrates our government’s commitment to upgrade and modernize health care for the growing community of Milton. The redevelopment of the Milton District Hospital is an important project that aligns closely with our government’s Action Plan for Health Care which seeks to provide Ontarians with the right care, in the right place at the right time.”

John Oliver, President and CEO, Halton Healthcare Services

“HHS is committed to building new, modern facilities at Milton District Hospital that will enhance the high-quality programs and services we provide to the residents of Milton. There will be many exciting milestones along this journey and we look forward to sharing them with our community.”

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