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## Request for Qualifications Issued for the Next Phase of The Fancsy Family Hospital Project

**WINDSOR, ON.** – In a major milestone for the construction of The Fancsy Family Hospital, Infrastructure Ontario (IO) in partnership with Windsor Regional Hospital and the Ministry of Health (MOH), has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to prequalify construction teams that will compete to Design, Build, Finance, and Maintain the second and largest phase, of the new hospital project.

Due to its size and complexity, construction of The Fancsy Family Hospital is being delivered in the following three phases:

- **Phase 1 - Enabling Works:** A 3-storey Education and Administrative Centre and simulation centre, a parking garage with capacity for approximately 700 vehicles, and site infrastructure that will lay the groundwork for the new hospital. Phase 1 construction is expected to begin mid-2026.
- **Phase 2 - Diagnostic and Treatment Block:** Currently planned as a 5-storey Diagnostic and Treatment Block that will serve as the heart of the new acute care hospital development and include the main public entrance. Construction in this phase includes Emergency and Trauma Services, Regional Cancer Services, Surgical Services, Women’s and Children’s Services, Critical Care, Indigenous Services, Spiritual Care, advanced diagnostics, welcoming public amenities, and a Central Utility Plant.
- **Phase 3 - Inpatient Tower:** Currently planned as a 9-storey Inpatient Tower that will house the majority of the hospital’s planned inpatient beds, featuring private, light-filled rooms designed to support patient comfort, family involvement, and future growth. In addition, the tower will also include an In-centre Dialysis Unit, essential support services, and additional amenities for patients, visitors, and staff.

Each phase is designed to integrate with the next, ensuring a cohesive and efficient build-out of the campus. Together, once complete, they form the entire Fancsy Family Hospital Project. For additional information on what is being planned for each phase, visit the project website [wrh.on.ca/AboutTheProject](http://wrh.on.ca/AboutTheProject).

Today’s announcement marks the beginning of the tendering process for Phase 2, which is being led by [Infrastructure Ontario](http://InfrastructureOntario). Qualified companies are invited to register on merx.com to download the RFQ.

“This is an incredibly exciting moment - one that we have been working toward since planning for this project began,” said Karen Riddell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Windsor Regional Hospital. “Issuing this RFQ for a team to

design and build the Diagnostic and Treatment Block is a critical step toward opening the doors of our new acute care hospital and transforming the delivery of hospital services for patients and families across Windsor-Essex.”

In determining the approach to deliver this project, Infrastructure Ontario, in collaboration with Windsor Regional Hospital, engaged with numerous national and international builders over the course of many months to discuss the Fancsy Family Hospital Project. These discussions focused on potential strategies to deliver this world-class facility efficiently while fostering a competitive market to ensure the best value for money. Following these meetings, a three-phase approach was identified as the best path forward. This approach allows for increased market participation and price competition, relieves pressure on labour, materials and trade availability, and mitigates procurement risks. Phased delivery also provides the opportunity to bring portions of the hospital into operation earlier, while aligning contract structures with market capacity.

“Infrastructure Ontario is proud to partner with Windsor Regional Hospital to deliver the Fancsy Family Hospital for the Windsor-Essex region. Based on industry feedback and current market conditions, a procurement strategy with a phased approach has been identified. This approach reflects how many major infrastructure projects are being delivered in today’s market to encourage broader competition and deliver value for the taxpayers of Ontario. Dividing the work into separate contracts will encourage more competition and help support the successful and timely delivery of this important hospital project.” - Angela Clayton, CEO, Infrastructure Ontario.

Initiating the tendering process for Phase 2 is the first step in the process to select a team to deliver the project. Submissions will be reviewed to shortlist teams with the required construction experience, as well as the financial capacity to deliver a project of this size and complexity. Shortlisted teams will then be invited to respond to a Request for Proposals (RFP), which is expected to be published later this year. A similar process will be used to select the construction team for Phase 3 – the Inpatient Tower - with the release of an RFQ at a later date.

Once ground is broken for construction of Phase 1 in the north-west corner of the site, development will continue east and south until the new hospital is complete.

“Today we celebrate another step forward in delivering The Fancsy Family Hospital project. Once complete, this fully integrated and state-of-the-art facility will transform health care for families and residents in the Windsor-Essex region. Thanks to Premier Ford’s leadership, our government is investing nearly \$60 billion in health infrastructure across the province, as part of our more than \$220 billion capital plan to support growing communities, keep workers on the job and protect Ontario.” - Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure

The Fancsy Family Hospital is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform hospital services across Windsor-Essex and will be the first step in the development of a comprehensive, fully integrated health system for the region.

“Our government is making historic investments to protect Ontario’s health-care system and connect more people in Windsor and communities across Southwestern Ontario to the care they need, where and when they need it. Today’s milestone is another step in the development of a new state-of-the-art hospital in Windsor-Essex and is another way we are expanding capacity to ensure that families can access the right care, in the right place, for generations to come.” - Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.

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