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## **SHORT-LISTED CONSTRUCTION TEAMS INVITED TO BID ON BRIDGEPOINT HEALTH PROJECT**

TORONTO – Plans to build a new hospital in Toronto for people living with complex chronic disease and disability took another step forward today when Bridgepoint Health and Infrastructure Ontario released a request for proposals (RFP) to design, build, finance and maintain the new Bridgepoint Hospital, which will replace the existing facility.

Expressly designed to serve people in need of rehabilitation services and living with complex chronic disease and disability, the new hospital will be 10 storeys high, have a capacity for 472 beds and be approximately 600,000 square feet in size. Additionally, the historic Don Jail, which will be incorporated into the new site, will be refurbished into the administrative and education centre for the hospital and will be open to the public, on a prescribed basis.

The three building teams shortlisted to design, build, finance and maintain the new Bridgepoint Hospital are:

- **Access Bridgepoint Health** - Babcock & Brown Canada ULC, Farrow Partnership Architects, Barton Malow/McKay Cocker/Walbridge Aldinger, Dalkia Group;
- **Carillion Canada Inc.** - Carillion Canada Inc., HOK Architects Corporation/Montgomery Sisam Architects, Vanbots Construction, Carillion/Vanbots Services Bridgepoint Inc., CIT Group Securities (Canada) Inc. (Financial Advisor); and
- **Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd.** - Plenary Group, HDR Architects/Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc., PCL Constructors Inc., Johnston Controls Inc.

The teams were shortlisted through a request for qualifications (RFQ) process that determined the teams have the development, design, construction, financial, and facilities management capacity to undertake a project of this size and complexity.

Once submissions to the RFP are received and reviewed, a winning project team will be selected and announced in early 2009; construction is scheduled to begin shortly after. A copy of the RFP is available on Infrastructure Ontario's website.

“This project demonstrates our government’s commitment to provide resources and facilities to serve the health care needs of people across Ontario,” said George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure. “The Bridgepoint Health project is part of the government’s five-year \$30-billion-plus infrastructure investment plan which represents the biggest investment in health care infrastructure in more than a generation.”

“The Bridgepoint Health project is an essential part of the government’s commitment to renew hospitals,” said David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. “This project will improve the quality of care for people living with complex chronic disease and disability.”

“This announcement takes us one step closer to building a much needed hospital in Toronto for people living with complex chronic disease,” says Marian Walsh, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bridgepoint Health. “It also means we will be able to unveil the design of our new hospital to the community and more people will discover how we are changing the world for people living with complex chronic disease and disability through the construction of this new health care facility.”

Bridgepoint Health, in Toronto, provides patient care, research and teaching in the specialized field of complex chronic disease prevention and management –one of the most important health care challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, the Bridgepoint Health network includes Bridgepoint Hospital, Bridgepoint Family Health Team, the Bridgepoint Centre for Research, Education and Policy, and the Bridgepoint Health Foundation.

Infrastructure Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will work with Bridgepoint Health to build the new hospital, which will remain publicly owned, publicly controlled and publicly accountable. Infrastructure Ontario is a Crown corporation dedicated to managing some of the province’s larger and more complex infrastructure renewal projects—ensuring they are built on time and on budget.

This project is guided by principles outlined in the province’s *Building a Better Tomorrow* framework, which ensures public ownership of core assets such as hospitals, schools, and water and wastewater facilities.

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