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**A STEP FORWARD FOR THE CENTRE FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL
HEALTH QUEEN STREET REDEVELOPMENT PHASE 1B PROJECT**
Request for Qualifications Issued

TORONTO – Infrastructure Ontario and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) released a request for qualifications (RFQ) for companies to submit their qualifications to design, build, finance and maintain the Centre’s Phase 1B project.

CAMH’s Phase 1B project includes over 440,000 square feet of construction at its 27-acre Queen Street West, Toronto, site. The existing administrative building will be demolished to make way for three new buildings. This project will continue the transformation of 1001 Queen Street West from an institutional campus to a community setting for client care. It will fully integrate CAMH’s addiction program at one site, and support increased collaboration. The new facilities will:

- include 12 new beds for youth dealing with mental health and addictions issues – the first of their kind in Toronto
- house the Geriatric Mental Health Program, which combines 48 in-patient beds with a suite of outpatient programming and supports.
- improve client access to CAMH’s programs by integrating them into the emerging Queen Street hub

RFQ submissions will be reviewed to pre-qualify project teams with the design, construction and facilities management experience, the qualified personnel and the financial strength to deliver a project of this size and complexity. Pre-qualified teams will be invited to respond to a request for proposals (RFP), which is expected to be released in late 2008.

“This marks an important milestone for CAMH,” said George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure. “With significant investments in health care, we now have more than 100 new and existing hospitals in various stages of expansion and upgrade across Ontario. This CAMH project will enhance the quality of life and quality of care for families across the province that rely on the specialized care that’s provided by CAMH.”

“This is a clear sign of the government’s commitment to make the management of mental health a key health care priority,” said David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. “Once complete, the CAMH redevelopment will transform the face of addiction and mental health treatment, with a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment that empowers clients and staff.”

“This is an exciting achievement. Our whole community has worked hard to move this project forward,” said Minister of Health Promotion Margaret Best. “CAMH's redevelopment will benefit all those who require access to rehabilitation and treatment in a facility that is close to home.”

“This is an exciting step forward for CAMH,” said President and CEO, Dr. Paul Garfinkel. “Phase 1B signifies that CAMH is delivering on its promise – new facilities in a neighbourhood setting that will better support the needs of our clients.”

Infrastructure Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are working with CAMH to build the new facilities, 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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