

Shortlist of Three Potential Design-Build Partners Selected

March 8, 2017 – The Ministry of Education and the New Westminster School District are pleased to announce that three qualified teams have been shortlisted to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase of the competitive selection process to design and build the new New Westminster Secondary School Project.

Six Design-Build teams responded to the Request for Qualifications. Following rigorous evaluation of the submissions, the following three teams have been shortlisted:

- **Clark Builders** with **Stantec**;
- **Graham Design-Builders LP** with **KMBR Architects Planners Inc.**; and
- **Stuart Olson Construction Ltd.** with **Thinkspace Architecture Planning Interior Design.**

The three shortlisted teams will be invited to respond to the Request for Proposals by submitting proposals to undertake the design and construction of the new secondary school. The community and stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide input on the design before it is finalized.

The Province of B.C. is funding the NWSS replacement, the largest school investment in B.C. history. Anticipated to open in late 2019 with construction starting in Fall 2017, the new school will accommodate 1,900 grade 9 to 12 students.

“Selecting our shortlist of teams is an important step in creating a new New Westminster Secondary School. We look forward to reviewing the next set of submissions and to continuing to work with the local community to ensure our new school is an exceptional place of learning for New Westminster students.” – Pat Duncan, Superintendent of Schools, New Westminster School District.

The new NWSS will also provide a state-of-the-art learning environment. It will be designed to optimize the use of flexible learning spaces to maximize collaboration and active learning; this will include technology that enriches the learning process, multi-purpose spaces and modern shops, as well as contemporary fine and performing arts spaces. It will also meet today’s standards for modern learning, safety and accessibility, and incorporate the latest sustainable energy and waste management systems.

Built in 1949, the current school has served New Westminster students exceedingly well, but the facility is outdated and requires seismic remediation. It is the only secondary school in the City of New Westminster and one of the largest in B.C., which will be a key consideration in planning and building the new school.

Also importantly, part of the property is located on a former burial area. The Province and the New Westminster School District have committed that no construction will take place on any known burial area. For more information about the Project, visit www.newnwss.ca.

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