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WANTED: SITE FOR NEW SINGLE-SITE ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL Request for Proposals Issued & Fairness Advisor hired to Supervise Process

A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been released inviting property owners to submit land parcels for consideration. The RFP, including the weighted list of criteria which will be used in the selection process, is available for information purposes only at www.windsorhospitals.ca. Interested bidders MUST REGISTER with Biddingo and download the official RFP from an electronic database at www.biddingo.com.

The Site Selection Subcommittee is responsible for selecting property for the new state-of-the-art acute care hospital. Members are following the Broader Public Sector Procurement Directives which details the process by which an RFP must be conducted.

“This is a major step in a very important site selection process,” says Dave Cooke, Co-Chair of the Program and Services Steering Committee overseeing planning for the new hospital. “I am confident the process, beginning with this RFP, will lead to an ideal site and help us redefine local healthcare.”

Site Selection Process:

- The Steering Committee has defined a set of weighted criteria used to help select a location.
- The community has had an opportunity to review the draft criteria online. Nearly 600 people provided online feedback.
- The Steering Committee adjusted the weighting of the criteria to reflect the community feedback.
- A Site Selection Subcommittee, made up of 11 volunteer members from Windsor and Essex County, was established to oversee the process.
- The issued RFP is available at www.biddingo.com.
- Interested property owners must register with Biddingo, download the RFP from that website and submit their proposal in accordance with the instructions found within the RFP documentation for consideration.

- The Site Selection Subcommittee will use a 2-phase process - which is clearly outlined in the RFP- to identify a preferred site. Phase 1 is a general overview of the site. Phase 2 focuses on technical specifications and overall cost.
- The Site Selection Subcommittee will present a recommendation to the Steering Committee.
- If accepted, the Steering Committee will forward the recommended site to the Windsor Regional Hospital Board of Directors.
- Once the Board of Directors of Windsor Regional Hospital approves a site, it will be submitted to the Erie St. Clair LHIN for endorsement to The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The Steering Committee overseeing the new hospital project is committed to ensuring the process is as fair and transparent as possible. To support this goal, Glenn Ackerley has been hired as a Fairness Advisor to monitor the process. Mr. Ackerley is a partner at the law firm WeirFoulds LLP, in Toronto, Ontario, and has extensive experience in construction and procurement law. He will work with the Site Selection subcommittee throughout the process to ensure proper fairness from start to finish.

“This is another set of eyes and ears on the project,” says Windsor Regional Hospital CEO & Steering Committee Co-chair David Musyj. “The Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive doesn’t mandate us to do this, but it will without a doubt help to ensure fairness for our vendors, our patients and the community.”

Interested property owners have until September 24, 2014 to submit proposals. After today, out of respect for the process, there will be no further comment from members of Windsor Regional Hospital, the Program and Services Steering Committee or the Site Selection subcommittee until the process is closed. Vendors (property owners wishing to participate in the process) are asked to follow proper procedure and avoid direct communication with the Hospital, the Steering Committee or the Site Selection Subcommittee regarding the RFP or any documents. As indicated in the RFP found at www.biddingo.com, vendors will have an opportunity to ask questions by email and will be given an opportunity to meet with consultants working on the project.

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For updates on plans for a new acute care hospital, visit: www.windsorhospitals.ca