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**FIVE COMPANIES SHORT-LISTED FOR RUNNYMEDE HEALTHCARE CENTRE
PROJECT**

Project Attracts Industry Interest

TORONTO – Infrastructure Ontario and Runnymede Healthcare Centre announced today that five companies have been short-listed to build and finance a new hospital on the existing Runnymede Healthcare Centre site.

“We are pleased to see such interest from the construction industry in this project,” said Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan. “Our government is making much-needed improvements to Ontario’s infrastructure at an unprecedented rate. These improvements will be made in a way that ensures value for taxpayers’ dollars as we build strong, prosperous communities.”

“This is a sign of our government’s commitment to modernize and expand health care infrastructure to improve access to quality health care,” said George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued on November 3, 2006. The process identified bid teams with the development, construction and financial capacity required to undertake a project of this size and complexity.

The following companies have been short-listed for this project:

- Aecon Buildings
- Bird Construction Company Ltd.
- Bondfield Construction Company Ltd.
- EllisDon Corporation
- Vanbots Construction Corporation

A Request for Proposals for the project is expected to be issued in Spring 2007.

“Our dedicated staff and volunteers provide exceptional care to our patients and their families. Our community deserves the very best facilities we can offer and it’s exciting for us to move forward with this project,” said Connie Dejak, President and CEO, Runnymede Healthcare Centre.

The new facility will provide complex continuing care for young and older adults, with capacity for 200 beds. Clinical and medical services will include physiotherapy, occupational therapy,

swallowing/speech and language pathology and audiological services, respiratory therapy, activation and recreation therapy, social services and around-the-clock nursing and medical care.

Infrastructure Ontario will work with Runnymede Healthcare Centre to develop the new hospital facility, 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* policy framework, which ensures public ownership of core assets such as hospitals, schools, and water and wastewater facilities. The Runnymede Healthcare Centre project is one of many infrastructure projects being upgraded and modernized under *ReNew Ontario*, the government's five-year, \$30-billion plus public infrastructure investment plan.

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