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**NEXT STEP FORWARD FOR THE RUNNYMEDE HEALTHCARE CENTRE  
PROJECT**

*Short-listed Construction Teams Invited To Bid*

TORONTO – The Runnymede Healthcare Centre project has reached another key milestone with the release of a request for proposals (RFP) to build and finance a new hospital on the existing Runnymede Healthcare Centre site.

Once complete, 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.

“Our government is making much-needed improvements to Ontario’s infrastructure at an unprecedented rate,” said David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal. “This project is one of many in the McGuinty government’s \$30-billion plus infrastructure investment plan to modernize public infrastructure while ensuring value for taxpayer dollars.”

“This project is an essential part of the McGuinty government’s plan to modernize hospitals, reduce wait times and upgrade medical equipment in the local community and across the province,” commented George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

The following four building teams were short-listed through a request for qualifications (RFQ) issued in November 2006 and have been invited to bid on the project:

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

These teams have the construction, operational, and financial capacity required to undertake a project of this size and complexity. Once submissions to the RFP are received and reviewed, a winning team will be selected in Fall 2007, with construction scheduled to begin shortly after.

“We are encouraged by the government’s continued support and commitment,” said Connie Dejak, President and CEO, Runnymede Healthcare Centre. “We are one step closer to meeting our goal of providing our patients and their families with the best facility that we can offer, along with the exceptional care they already receive.”

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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* 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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