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Construction underway on Community Learning Campus

August 3, 2006 - After months of planning, the vision of the Community Learning Campus (CLC) is turning into reality. This week marks the start of construction.

Construction crews are on the campus of Olds College, where the five CLC facilities will be built. Work is underway on site preparation and foundation installation for the eLearning Core, which will house sophisticated technologies that will link residents with the highest levels of online learning and communications. Throughout the fall and winter, construction on the remaining structures will begin. When the Community Learning Campus opens its doors in the fall of 2008, it will revolutionize learning in the province of Alberta.

“It is very exciting to watch,” said Dot Negropones, CLC Director. “As we’ve talked with community members, staff from Olds College and Chinook’s Edge School Division, students and our partners, we’ve been imagining how wonderful these facilities will be for all learners. Until this point it has just been a vision. Now it is becoming a reality and I couldn’t be more pleased.”

Shunda Consulting & Construction Management Ltd. has been contracted as construction manager for the entire project, with the prime consultant role being undertaken by Group 2 Architecture Engineering Interior Design. Both firms are based in Red Deer.

Construction on the bus maintenance facility will begin once materials arrive on site. The Fine Arts and Multi-Media Centre, Health and Wellness Facility, and the Core High School are all going to tender for subtrade contracts within weeks. All three facilities will see a divided tendering process, first for the foundation and second for the construction portion of the facility. Notification for all tendering schedules and information will be presented in newspaper ads and posted on electronic bid sites.

“The CLC’s tendering and construction process is going very well,” said Negropones. “We are eager to see it proceed further. The programs and opportunities that will be generated in these facilities will provide an innovative and high quality education that will benefit the entire community.”

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