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## **Contract Awarded for Accelerated Build of New Long-Term Care Home in Durham Region**

Infrastructure Ontario and Lakeridge Health announced today that PCL Constructors Canada Inc. has signed a contract to design and build a new long-term care home at the Ajax Pickering Hospital site.

With capacity for up to 320 beds, the home will help address capacity issues within Ontario's health and long-term care system, while providing a modern, comfortable and safe place for seniors in the community to call home. The home will meet the latest standards for long-term care design, and will include private or semi-private bedrooms, lounge areas, dining rooms, terraces and enhancements to HVAC such as 100 per cent fresh air supply capability.

The project is being delivered as part of the Accelerated Build Pilot Program. Through the use of hospital-owned land, rapid procurement and modular construction, the pilot program aims to deliver new long-term care homes years sooner than a traditional development project. In total, the Pilot Program will add up to 1,280 long-term care beds in the GTA.

PCL was selected as the successful proponent as the result of a two-stage competitive and accelerated procurement process. In the first-stage, a Request for Qualifications and Standing Offer (RFQSO) was issued to establish a list of firms with demonstrated ability and experience in rapid delivery construction projects and mandates. In the second stage, shortlisted firms from the RFQSO were invited to enter into confidential meetings and negotiations, concluding with the contract award.

Infrastructure Ontario will work with Lakeridge Health to manage construction and commissioning of the project. The completed long-term care home will be owned by Lakeridge Health and operated on a not-for-profit basis.

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