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The Yukon Chamber of Commerce comments on the awarding of a \$31.14 million contract for the FH Collins Secondary School replacement project

The Yukon Chamber of Commerce (YCC) is pleased with the Yukon government's February 19 announcement of an Intent to Award letter to Clark builders for the F.H. Collins Secondary School replacement program.

Mr. Richard Thompson, Interim Chair of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce commented, "this time last year tender responses for construction of a replacement high school had ranged from \$48 million-\$60 million, all over the Yukon government's budget of \$38.6 million. While we have concerns that the re-scoping and rebidding process for F.H. Collins caused hardship for those businesses involved in the initial tender response process, we are certainly pleased to see that the rebidding process has resulted in a project that will save Yukon taxpayers almost \$17 million compared to the last round of bids, while still delivering the product that is required for the students. "

Peter Turner, President of the YCC added, "we applaud the Yukon government's efforts to 'right size' this project and are confident that the project will yield substantial partnership, employment and business opportunities for Yukon businesses and workers."

Incorporated in 1985, the Yukon Chamber of Commerce is the collective voice of Yukon's Business Community, working to create a climate conducive to a strong private-sector economy by providing leadership and representation on issues and projects affecting business. The Chamber represents the four Community Chambers of Dawson City, Silver Trail, Watson Lake and Whitehorse, as well as over 700 Yukon businesses, through either direct or Community Chamber membership.

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