

College of New Caledonia



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Construction begins on Technical Education Centre

Construction begins today (Wednesday) on the Technical Education Centre at CNC's Prince George campus.

The project was awarded this week to a local company, IDL Projects Inc.

"It's very exciting to finally have the equipment on site and construction about to begin," said CNC President John Bowman. "We are also happy that a Prince George company was the successful bidder and we look forward to working with them to create this impressive building."

Mobilization of equipment and site preparation began this morning, with demolition of some small out buildings and some asphalt removal scheduled for this week. Substantial completion of the project is scheduled for March 31, 2011.

The project is funded by the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, which the Government of Canada launched as part of its Economic Action Plan. CNC will receive almost \$30 million from the federal and provincial governments to construct new buildings at its campuses in Prince George and Quesnel.

"The local MLAs and MPs work hard to secure this funding for CNC and we very much appreciate their efforts," Bowman said. "Without the support of Shirley Bond, Pat Bell, Dick Harris and Jay Hill, this needed expansion would not have been possible."

An invitation to Bid for tenders for the trades and technology training building in Quesnel will be issued later this month. The two projects represent the largest single capital investment in the college in more than 41 years, allowing CNC to expand and diversify its technical and trades education.

The projects are designed by McFarlane, Green and Biggar Architects from Vancouver. The TEC building will accommodate 800 student spaces annually, which will be a substantial increase over the 48-year-old trades training building, which it replaces.

The projects will also provide a significant economic stimulus for Prince George and the Central Interior region.

The new 75,067 square feet TEC Centre in Prince George has been designed to accommodate Red Seal trades and other technical programs including: welding, machinist, industrial mechanic/millwright, planer mill technician, automotive collision repair, plumbing, engineering technology, mining technician, and process operations

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