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## **Search begins for designers and builders of the new Royal Alberta Museum**

### ***Firms from around the world invited to qualify for historic project***

*Edmonton...* The Alberta government is inviting contractors from around the world to submit qualifications to design and build the new Royal Alberta Museum. At double the size of the existing museum, the new museum in Edmonton's Arts district will be equipped to showcase both Alberta's history and its natural wonders, and to host major international exhibits and rare artifacts.

Through the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) stage, which closes June 22, up to five of the top qualified respondents will be invited to submit proposals in the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage. From the RFP submissions, the proponent offering the best value for the budget will be awarded the project contract in September 2011. The design-build RFQ can be accessed through the Alberta Purchasing Connection at [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca).

"We will be engaging the skill, creativity, and vision of international architects and engineers to deliver a museum that reflects both the passion of Albertans for Alberta's nature and culture as well as its place in history; past, present and future." emphasized Ray Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure.

In addition to strong emphasis placed on a design that reflects the identity of the province, fits in well within the Arts District, offers room for expansion, and ensures artifacts are properly preserved and presented, the project will be designed to a high environmental and energy efficiency standard and targeting a minimum LEED Silver certification.

The new museum is expected to cost a total of \$340 million and is projected to open in 2015. Additional project information can be found on Alberta Infrastructure's website [www.infrastructure.alberta.ca](http://www.infrastructure.alberta.ca).

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