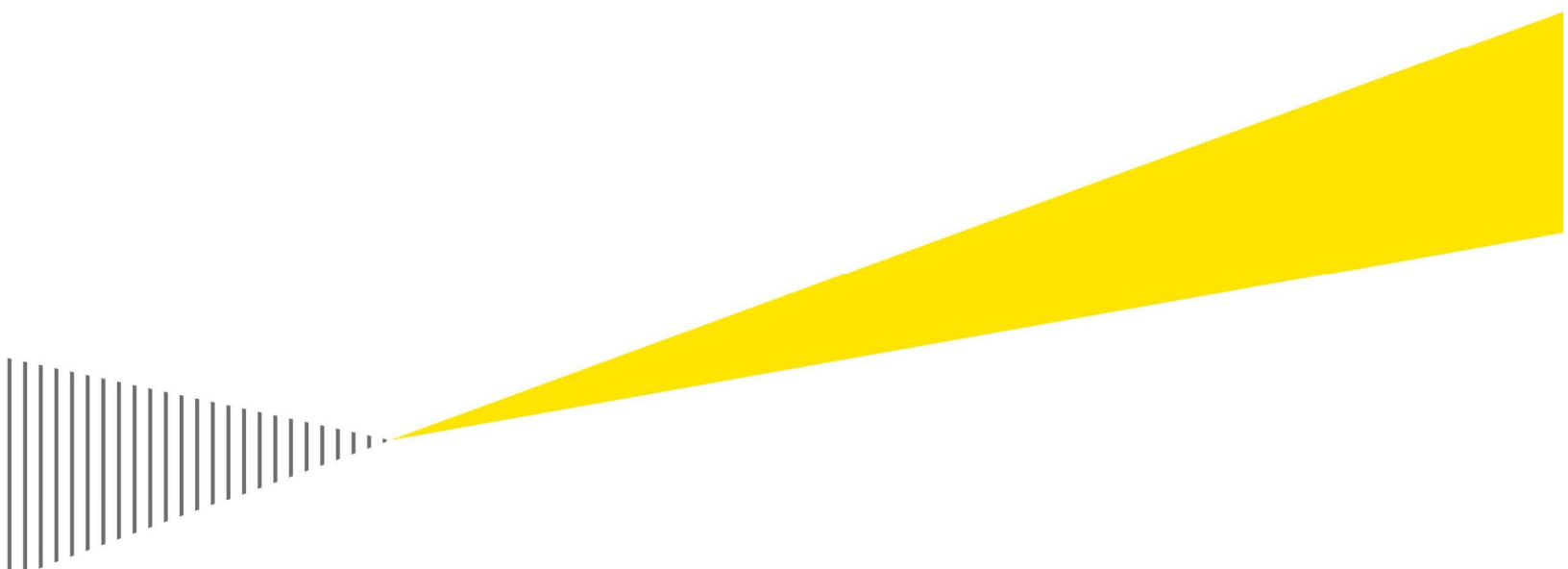


Government of
Newfoundland and
Labrador
*Corner Brook Long Term
Care Project – Value for
Money Assessment*



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Ernst & Young LLP (“EY”) has been engaged to assess the value for money (the “LTC VFM Assessment”) of the Corner Brook long-term care (“LTC”) facility (the “LTC Project”) and assist in the development of the value for money assessments and business cases for the procurement of the LTC Project.

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1. VFM Assessment Summary

EY has been engaged by GNL to assist in the development of the LTC VFM Assessment for the procurement of the LTC Project, i.e., a new LTC facility at Corner Brook.

1.1 Introduction

GNL is proposing new residential LTC beds to meet the growing needs of an aging population in the Western Health Authority region (the “Western Health Region”) of Newfoundland and Labrador (“NL”) and the requirement to move LTC patients from acute care beds. The LTC Project is expected to involve a new 120 bed facility in Corner Brook.

The key purpose of this LTC VFM Assessment is to identify the procurement options for the delivery of the LTC Project, to analyze these options qualitatively and quantitatively and to recommend, based on the VFM analysis, an appropriate procurement strategy.

1.2 Procurement options and qualitative analysis

The first step in the preparation of the LTC VFM Assessment was to consider the spectrum of alternative procurement delivery methods for the LTC Project and screen these procurement options using criteria aligned to the goals and objectives of the LTC Project in order to determine a short-list on which to run more detailed quantitative analysis and investigation.

Through an EY facilitated workshop on 31st August 2016 and 1st September 2016 (the “Options Workshop”), key GNL representatives (the “GNL Team”) developed a long-list of the key procurement options which could be used to procure the LTC Project. These options ranged from the traditional procurement method (Design Bid Build) through to full outsourcing (private sector provision).

As part of the Options Workshop, the GNL Team developed a list of qualitative criteria (the “Evaluation Criteria”) which would be used to assess each procurement option in order to determine which procurement option(s) most closely meet the strategy and objectives of GNL. These Evaluation Criteria included:

Project objectives:

- Timeliness
- Long-term planning flexibility
- Long-term asset quality
- Environmental sustainability
- Parking
- Care driven design
- Maximise availability of the facilities
- Innovation and efficiency
- Partnerships with local community
- Province directly delivers patient care

Procurement objectives:

- Maximise competition
- Fairness, transparency and integrity
- Cost certainty
- Risk transfer
- Labour considerations
- Payment stream
- Ownership
- Balance sheet treatment and impact on credit rating

A weighting was attributed to each of the Evaluation Criteria in order to reflect its relative importance. An exercise was then carried out (the “Multi Criteria Analysis”) which involved scoring each procurement option based on its fit with and ability to ensure achievement of the Evaluation Criteria.

A summary of the scoring allocated to each evaluated procurement option relative to the agreed criteria based on this scoring methodology follows:

Table 1.1 – Qualitative Scoring of Procurement Options

Criterion	DBB	DB	DBFM	DBFOM	Lease	Outsource
Weighted Score	111.0	125.0	141.0	138.0	136.0	135.0

It was found that the procurement option which most closely met the Evaluation Criteria overall was Design Build Finance Maintain (“DBFM”). Accordingly the GNL Team selected the DBFM option for detailed quantitative evaluation.

In line with Canadian best practice for the evaluation of alternative service delivery options such as DBFM, one of the traditional procurement methods was also carried forward for quantitative evaluation in order to assess whether the DBFM procurement option is likely to represent VFM in comparison to how the Department would typically procure such a project.

The GNL Team noted that the majority of recent LTC facility procurements have been undertaken using the Design Bid Build (“DBB”) procurement route because a common design was implemented. Nevertheless, the GNL Team has utilized the Design Build (“DB”) procurement option on other recent projects and expected that DB would, in the absence of consideration of alternative service delivery methodologies, have been utilized for the LTC Project. After consideration of all the relevant factors and the fact that the PSC will be used as a comparator only, the GNL Team decided that the DB procurement method be carried forward as the PSC.

1.3 Quantitative analysis

A detailed quantitative analysis was undertaken in respect of the short-listed procurement options (i.e., DB and DBFM, the “Procurement Options”), which involved developing the key assumptions underlying the analysis including project costs, assessment of project risks and financial and economic assumptions etc.

VFM is determined by estimating and comparing the net present value (“NPV”) of the costs of a given project scope under the Procurement Options.

1.3.1 Financial Model

The quantitative analysis involved developing financial models for the Procurement Options to determine their NPV’s and adjusting the results for differences in the value of risks retained in each option.

1.3.2 Risk Analysis

A key component of the quantitative analysis was a detailed risk assessment of the Procurement Options. This involved the participation of the GNL Team as well as external advisors in a detailed risk workshop (the “Risk Workshop”) facilitated by EY held on 20 – 22 September 2016.

Following the Risk Workshop, EY performed stochastic analysis on the risk register developed at the Risk Workshop (the “Risk Register”) to establish the appropriate risk adjustment applicable to the Procurement Options.

1.4 VFM Results

Using the approach, methodology and assumptions described above, the results indicate that adopting a DBFM procurement route instead of the traditional DB procurement methodology would provide greater VFM, reducing the NPV of expected costs by 8.9%.

1.4.1 Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity of results to key variables was analyzed. We found that the VFM results were largely unaffected by realistic changes in these key variables.

1.5 Recommendation

Based on the results of the qualitative and quantitative analysis undertaken to complete the LTC VFM Assessment, EY recommends that GNL use the DBFM methodology to procure the LTC Project.

1.6 Timetable and team development

A summary of the proposed timetable for the contemplated DBFM procurement process is shown below.

Table 1.2 – Procurement Schedule Summary

Indicative procurement Schedule	
Task / Milestone	Timing
Project Development	
Preparation and approval of LTC VFM Assessment (Business Case)	Q4 2016
Appointment of internal project team and external advisors	Q4 2016
Procurement Phase	
Issue RFQ for DBFM Contractor	Q1 2017
Approval of Shortlist for DBFM Procurement and announcement of short-list	Q1 2017
Issue RFP for DBFM and Draft Project Agreement	Q1 2017
RFP Submissions received	Q2 2017
Approval and announcement of Proposed Private Sector Partner	Q3 2017
Financial Close	Q3 2017
Construction and Operation Phase	
Commence Construction	Q3 2017
Commence Operations	Q4 2019

EY recommends that GNL put in place a suitable project team (including both internal resources and external advisors and consultants as required) and governance structure to undertake a DBFM procurement process for the LTC Project.

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