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Dear Service Provider,

We are pleased to inform you that the Call for Responses for Sexual Assault Centers is now open on BC Bid. The opportunity will be posted for 6 weeks and will close on Friday, August 18, 2023, at 2:00 pm (PST).

This Call for Responses (CFR) is intended to establish funding for a Sexual Assault Center (Centre) to provide integrated and co-located services in the high population and demand areas of: **Victoria and the Capital Regional District, Prince George, Surrey, Vancouver, and their surrounding areas, and one Centre in either Kamloops, Vernon, or Kelowna.** These Centers will provide support services for survivors of sexual assault and are intended to provide a dedicated space for community and system partners to provide forensic and medical exams, and police interviews in a trauma-informed environment.

All details on the opportunity, including an overview of the application process, mandatory criteria and key deadlines can be found on BC Bid (Opportunity ID 119750) [here](#).

To provide further details and guidance on using BC Bid and developing an application, the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch will be hosting a virtual information meeting on:

- **Thursday, July 20th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm (PST)**

Attendance at this session is optional. The session will provide an overview of the procurement and information on how to apply. If you are unable to attend the session, you will also be able to access all of the materials (including notes on questions and responses) through [BC Bid](#).

To register to attend the information sessions, please send an **email to Dawn Hoffert at Procurement@gov.bc.ca before 2:00 pm (PST) on Wednesday, July 19th, 2023.** The email should include the Respondent's organization name as well as the name and role of each attendee. Respondent's will receive an email reply confirming registration that includes the teleconference / web link information.

Questions will be welcomed at the information meeting. Complex questions, or questions that need to be anonymous, should be forwarded at any time before Tuesday, July 18th, 2023, to **Dawn Hoffert**, Procurement Specialist at Procurement@gov.bc.ca.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to take some time to familiarize yourself with the new BC Bid Website. The BC Bid Supplier Guide found [here](#) also provides more information about how to access and use the BC Bid portal.

Additionally, information regarding the results of the recent procurement for Sexual Assault Services across the province (Opportunity ID 11751) will be formally announced in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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