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Saskatchewan Joint Use Schools Project 1 and 2 Wins Silver at 18th Annual CCPPP Awards for Innovation and Excellence in P3s

Bird is part of the Joint Use Mutual Partnership consortium as the managing partner of the construction joint venture that will design and build the project. Bird is also taking a minority equity interest in the concession responsible for the design, construction, financing and maintenance of the project through Bird Capital, a wholly owned subsidiary.



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TORONTO, Oct. 28, 2015 /CNW/ - The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) is proud to announce that the Saskatchewan Joint Use Schools Project 1 and 2 ("SJUSP I" and "SJUSP II") has won the Silver Award in the Innovative Partnerships category of the 2015 National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Public-Private Partnerships (P3s).

The SJUSP I and SJUSP II project - a partnership between SaskBuilds and the Joint Use Mutual Partnership Team led by Concert Infrastructure Ltd. - is the largest new schools construction project in Saskatchewan's history with 18 schools on nine joint-use sites in the communities of Regina, Saskatoon, Martensville and Warman. The new schools will be ready in time for students in September 2017, and will be fully owned and operated by the school divisions.

"This project best exemplifies how P3s can be used for large and complex infrastructure projects to ensure both on-time and on-budget delivery and greater innovations that emerge through the competitive bidding process," said Mark Romoff, President and CEO of CCPPP. "The bundling of schools in this case opened the door for more creative and efficient design which translates into \$100 million in savings for taxpayers," added Mr. Romoff.

The Saskatchewan Joint Use Schools Project delivers multiple schools at once to accommodate the unprecedented growth taking place in these communities and to alleviate the pressures being placed on existing area schools. At full design capacity, the modern state-of-the-art schools will accommodate 11,100 students from kindergarten to grade eight. The facilities also provide an additional 810 spaces of childcare and community resource space, and incorporate First Nations' educational needs.

"The joint-use facilities will maximize opportunities for students, create efficiencies, and strengthen partnerships between the school divisions," said SaskBuilds Minister Gordon Wyant. "The P3 model facilitated a broad engagement of local subtrades and suppliers and is expected to generate about 2,300 new jobs in the process."

The award will be presented on November 2nd at The Council's annual conference. This event is internationally recognized as the premier forum on public-private partnerships, bringing together 1,200 senior government and business leaders from across Canada and around the world.



About The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships: Established in 1993, CCPPP is a national not-for-profit, non-partisan, member-based organization with broad representation from across the public and private sectors. Its mission is to promote innovative approaches to infrastructure development and service delivery through public-private partnerships with all levels of government. The Council is a proponent of evidence-based public policy in support of P3s, facilitates the adoption of international best practices, and educates stakeholders and the community on the economic and social benefits of public-private partnerships.

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