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The Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project Team is pleased to announce Hawkins Construction as the preferred contractor as part of the design team for the construction of the Wairau Hospital and Health Centre, Marlborough.

Registrations of Interest were requested by the NMDHB in early June of this year and a special evaluation panel shortlisted the companies before tenders were invited from four companies from around New Zealand. After an intense analysis period, the evaluation panel provided a recommendation to the DHB Board which was accepted.

Project Director, Martin Ridgway commented that “the evaluation process for the selection of the preferred contractor was thorough and I am confident that Hawkins Construction personnel and their partnering approach will contribute to the success of the project.”

The involvement of Hawkins will be in two stages, the design phase and subject to contract agreement, the construction phase. The Hawkins team will be led by Quin Henderson (Regional Manager), Lloyd Robison (Design Team Leader) and Gavin Daech (Cost Planner and Senior Estimator).

Martin Edwards, Project Manager, will be based on site full time and will manage the construction works. Mr Edwards has wide-ranging experience in health and has recently completed the Christchurch Women’s Hospital and worked on the construction of the Middlemore Hospital.

Mr Ridgway was assured of Hawkins Construction’s ability to undertake the project based on their extensive experience in health and other major construction contracts.

It is expected that local building contractors and suppliers will have opportunities to provide input during the building phases of the project. Construction on the hospital is to commence in early 2008 and will take 21 months to complete.

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