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INVITATION TO POTENTIAL INDUSTRY COLLABORATORS

BACKGROUND

Stakeholders

CHAA is a national research and development centre established on the 1st Jan 2005 and jointly funded by the Health Capital Asset Managers Consortium (HCAMC) and the University of New South Wales with guaranteed funding of \$2.1 million over a 3 year period.

The current programs and projects being undertaken by CHAA are set out below.

Programs and Projects

1. Standards and Guidelines

NSW Health Facility Guidelines – will continue development of the NSW guidelines that will be translated into the National project.

National Health Facility Guidelines – commencing in 2005 will analyse the needs of each jurisdiction, prepare a work and implementation plan and develop an agreed number of sections of the national guidelines for implementation and use in each HCAMC jurisdiction.

2. Evaluation and Benchmarking

National Benchmarking Project The first stage will develop an agreed set of definitions and terminology and a methodology for data collection.

National Post Occupancy Evaluation Project – using the recently developed NSW Post Occupancy Evaluation Project standardised methodology as a starting point, this project will initially assess this for use as a National standardised methodology that will generate consistent and useful data from the evaluation process.

3. Capacity Building

Knowledge Management and Infrastructure Project – will underpin all the other research and project work of the Centre. It will do this by providing a web portal that will allow controlled access to the work and resources of the Centre.

Education Projects including:

- Industry Seminars – a series specifically for NSW to be held in 2005, and expanded to other locations in 2006/7, which will cover issues of relevance to all participants in the health asset management industry from both a local and National perspective.
- National Conference - to be held annually, will cover issues of relevance to the health facility design, procurement and management industry, including publicising the work of the Centre and dissemination of research findings.

4. Health Facility Research Laboratory

The Laboratory will consist of full size prototypes, which can replicate, in a controlled research setting, a range of health facility spaces ranging from an operating theatre to single and four patient rooms. The Research Laboratory will provide infrastructure for a range of research projects in both the social and physical sciences and will be a key resource for the Centre for Health Assets Australasia.

CHAA has been awarded a project start up grant of \$50,000. Additional funding is currently being sought from key industry players from the construction, facilities management and manufacturing sectors.



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Health Facility Research Laboratory

The Centre for Health Assets Australasia is unique in Australia and New Zealand and one of a small number of centres worldwide conducting research into the design, procurement, maintenance and operation of health facilities.

CHAA is currently seeking sponsorship from industry and health sector professionals to contribute to the development of its Health Facility Research Laboratory. The CHAA laboratory will use full-scale mock-ups (prototypes) to replicate a range of health facility spaces.

Whilst the use of 'mock-ups' or prototypes is not unique in the health sector these prototypes are usually employed to train staff in clinical practice or alternatively are used for a short period of time during the design stage and are then dismantled. To our knowledge no similar laboratory exists in Australia.

Sponsorship of the Laboratory will provide a unique opportunity to contribute to much needed research development in both the physical and social sciences.

Sponsorship would be welcomed in either cash or in-kind and would be appropriately acknowledged after consultation with the sponsor and the Centre management.

CHAA Annual Conference, 2005

'Future Health Facilities: Emerging Issues in planning healthcare in changing times'

In addition to sponsorship of the Health Facility Research Laboratory, sponsorship is also being sought for the inaugural CHAA national conference, which will be held in Melbourne in November 2005. There are a range of sponsorship opportunities available for this conference. For further information, including a preliminary conference program, please contact us.

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