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## **Construction Industry Welcomes 2010 Olympics**

The International Olympic Committee announced today that Vancouver will be hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics. The "Sea-to-Sky Games" proved to be a winning proposal and now British Columbia and Canada will be stepping up to the plate to make it a reality.

The BC Construction Association (BCCA) has been a strong supporter of the 2010 Olympic Bid. "Our members are looking forward to the economic boost that will come with hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics," states Michael Geoghegan, President of the BCCA. "This is an honour for British Columbia, and the construction industry is ready and willing to do its part in building the necessary infrastructure."

Construction work on the various venues is likely to commence shortly. On the table will be the following:

- A \$103 million cross-country biathlon and ski jump facility at the Callaghan Valley.
- A \$52.8 million bobsled and luge track at Blackcomb.
- A \$57 million speed skating oval in Vancouver.
- A \$28.8 million hockey facility in Vancouver.
- A \$24 million curling rink in Vancouver.

In total, as much as \$620 million will be spent on building venues, and this does not include the \$600 million promised by the Provincial Government to upgrade the Sea-to-Sky highway linking Vancouver and Whistler.

It is expected that the 2010 Winter Olympics could create up to 228,000 new jobs and generate up to \$10 billion in economic activity.

The BC Construction Association represents over 1700 corporate members active primarily in institutional, commercial and industrial construction across British Columbia. The BCCA is the provincial voice of four regional construction associations, Vancouver Regional Construction Association, Vancouver Island Construction Association, Southern Interior Construction Association and Northern BC Construction Association.

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