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CBE to accept proposals for new downtown space for W.H. Cushing Workplace School

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Telus has provided space for the W.H. Cushing Workplace School on the main floor of the Len Werry building for the past 19 years. The school has approximately 100 students in kindergarten through Grade 3. However, due to redevelopment of the north side of the 100 block of 7 Ave. S.W. as part of the Telus' Sky building project, the current lease agreement will expire on July 31, 2016.

The CBE is open to accepting expressions of interest from any corporation in downtown Calgary that has appropriate space for a school and would see this as an opportunity.

The following is a list of the standard requirements for a school with a capacity of 150 students. This information is intended for reference only and may not be representative of final space requirements. Layout and location of potential lease facilities will impact final requirements as it relates to facility design and building code conformance.

Description	Sq. Metres
Standard school spaces	
3 classrooms of 80m ²	240
1 science room	95
Ancillary rooms (ie. music, drama)	220
Learning Commons (library)	60
Flex space (student gathering space)	40
Administration areas	200
Staff and student washrooms (separate)	18
Storage	27
Wiring network closet	30
Facility Operations storage	15
Circulation areas (ie. entryway, hallways)	195
Non-standard school space	
Room for before/after school care provider	100
Total Area	1,240

Other Considerations:

- Reasonable access to a gymnasium
- Reasonable access to outdoor play area(s)
- Reasonable access to public library (instead of learning commons)
- Staff parking option (10 stalls)
- Parent drop-off availability
- Ease of access in/out of building with students
- Secured/restricted access to school

For more information about this opportunity, corporations can contact CBE Corporate Partnerships at 403-817-7242 or partnerships@cbe.ab.ca.

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