

Managing growth pressures

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Three groups qualify to bid on north Edmonton ring road P3 project

Anthony Henday Drive North moves closer to construction

Edmonton... The province has asked three groups to submit proposals to develop the north Edmonton ring road as a public-private partnership (P3) for this essential link in Alberta's transportation network.

A Request for Qualifications was issued in July. The submissions were evaluated based on experience, qualifications of personnel, past performance, and financial capability. The groups are consortia composed of financing, construction, design, and maintenance companies.

"All of the submissions have met the qualification standards set by the province," said Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. "We are now asking the three groups to submit their proposals."

The three groups are:

- North Edmonton Road Consortium, led by Acciona S.A. / SNC Lavalin Inc.
- Northwest Connect, led by Bilfinger Berger BOT Inc.
- Plenary Roads Edmonton, led by Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd.

The Request for Proposals will close in Spring 2008. Bids from the three consortia will then be evaluated to ensure they represent good value for taxpayers. The successful proponent is expected to be chosen by August 2008, with construction beginning as early as fall 2008 and completed by fall 2011.

The project will extend from Anthony Henday Drive at Yellowhead Trail on the west side of Edmonton to the Manning Drive Freeway. The 21-kilometre north leg of the ring road will be free-flow with no signal lights and includes eight interchanges and five flyovers, for a total of 27 bridge structures. To ensure a fair, competitive bidding process, government will not release cost estimates until after the contract is awarded. To date, the Alberta government has committed more than \$800 million toward the southeast and southwest sections of Anthony Henday Drive.

New highway construction is one of the actions under Premier Ed Stelmach's plan to manage growth pressures. Other priorities for the government are to govern with integrity and transparency, improve Albertans' quality of life, build a stronger Alberta, and provide safe and secure communities.

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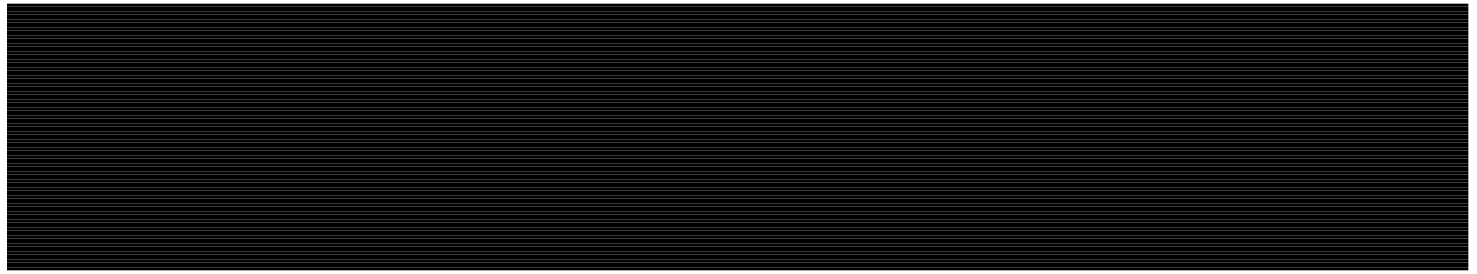
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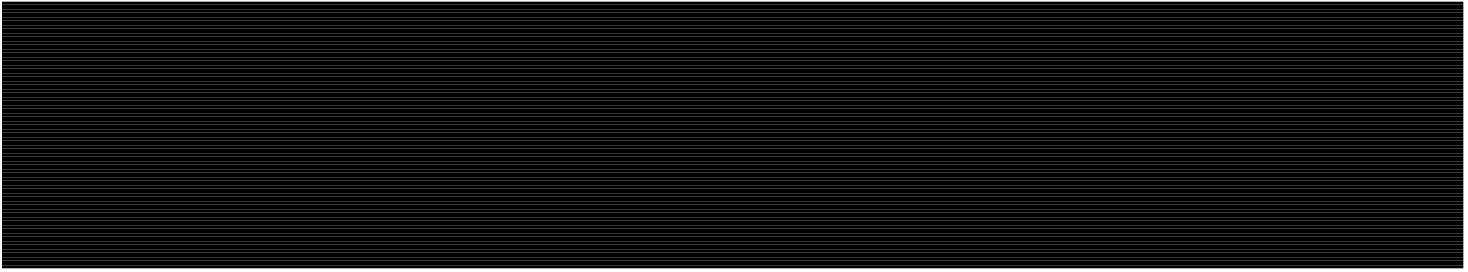
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North Edmonton ring road P3 project groups

North Edmonton Road Consortium (NERC)

Project Lead: SNC-Lavalin Inc. and Acciona S.A.

Design Build: SNC Lavalin Inc., Acciona Infrastructures Canada Inc., Atcon Construction Inc., North American Construction Group, Alberco, Stantec Consulting Ltd., International Bridge Technologies Inc., Jacques Whitford AXYS Atcon Construction Inc., and Golder Associates Ltd.

Operation and Maintenance: SNC-Lavalin Profac Inc., Acciona S.A., Ledcor Alberta Ltd.,

Financing: SNC-Lavalin Capital Inc. and Acciona S.A.

Northwest Connect (NWC)

Project Lead: Bilfinger Berger BOT Inc.

Design Build: Flatiron Constructors Canada Limited, Graham Infrastructure a JV, Carmacks Enterprises Ltd., Earth Tech (Canada) Inc., McElhanney Engineering Services Ltd., EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd., Spencer Environmental Management Services Ltd., Opus-Hamilton, Patching Associates Acoustical Engineering Ltd., and CTMS Engineering Inc.

Operation and Maintenance: Carmacks Maintenance Services Ltd.

Financing: Bilfinger Berger BOT Inc. and CIT Group Securities (Canada) Inc.

Other Advisors: Davis LLP, Marsh Canada Ltd, John Emery Geotechnical Engineering Ltd., and Halcrow

Plenary Roads Edmonton (PRE)

Project Lead: Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd.

Design Build: PCL Construction Management Inc., Kiewit Management Co., Sureway Construction Management Ltd., LaFarge Canada Inc., CH2M HILL Canada Limited, MMM Group, Terracon Consultants Inc.

Operation and Maintenance: Transportation Systems Management Inc.

Financing: Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd. and Deutsche Bank

Other Advisors: Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg

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