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10-year contract in place for southern highway maintenance

Volker Stevin has looked after southern Alberta highways since 1996

Lethbridge... A familiar face will provide maintenance on southern Alberta highways for another 10 years.

Volker Stevin Contracting Ltd. was the successful bidder for four contract maintenance areas that include all highways from south of Bassano to the United States border and from the British Columbia border to the Saskatchewan border. The 10-year contract is worth \$26 million per year and will provide Albertans with some of the lowest per-kilometre maintenance costs in Canada. The company has maintained these highways since highway maintenance was outsourced in 1996. The new contract starts Aug. 1, 2011.

Maintenance contractors are responsible for work such as snow clearing and ice control, gravel highway maintenance, pavement repair, crack filling, line painting, sign installation/maintenance, guard rail installation/repair, bridge maintenance, debris removal, and grass cutting in ditches and medians. The work is overseen by Alberta government inspectors to ensure it meets standards of quality and timeliness.

Volker Stevin also maintains highways directly east, west, and south of Calgary under a contract that expires in 2014. Highway emergency calls and inquiries regarding all of Volker Stevin's contract areas should be referred to the company's 24-hour toll-free number at 1-888-877-6237.

Alberta's highway network contains 31,000 kilometres of roadway of which 27,000 kilometres are paved along with more than 4,300 bridge structures. The Alberta government is investing \$326 million in 2010-11 for highway maintenance.

Visit <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/607.htm> for a map of contract maintenance areas and a list of contractors for each area.

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