

GOCB CHARLOTTETOWN - DESIGN CONSULTANT CONTRACT AWARD  
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Charlottetown, P.E.I., May 7, 2002 - The Honourable Don Boudria, Minister of Public Works and Government Services, and the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Solicitor General of Canada, today announced that the competitive contract to design the new Government of Canada Building in Charlottetown has been awarded to Bergmark, Guimond, Hammerlund, Jones Architects of Charlottetown, in joint venture with Urbana Architects of Toronto. The contract is valued at \$3.1 million.

"This award marks an important milestone for the Charlottetown Government of Canada Building," said Minister Boudria. "The Design Consultant will play a key role, because this will be the most technologically advanced building that Public Works and Government Services has ever built. It will be environmentally friendly; and it will be a flagship across government and industry in the use of sustainable development practices," the Minister added.

"I am pleased to announce this competitive contract award," said the Minister. "Both of these joint venture firms have an excellent reputation for their work, and I am certain they will make a strong contribution to the delivery of a world class building for the City of Charlottetown," added the Minister.

"This contract will also make a very positive contribution to Charlottetown's economy. Not only will it create two new jobs and maintain an additional 15 jobs for five years, it will allow Charlottetown to develop a new knowledge base around sustainable development that will be marketable around the world," said the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Solicitor General of Canada.

Under this contract the successful firms will provide conceptual and preliminary designs, construction drawings, and construction contract administration services. Construction on the Charlottetown Government of Canada Building is expected to begin in the spring of 2004. The building will be ready for tenants the following winter.

Funding for this contract was provided for in the December 2001 Federal Budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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