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## FLOODWAY AUTHORITY UNVEILS UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION TENDER PLAN

### Outlet Control Structure, Channel Excavation and West Dike Contracts to be Advertised in April

**Winnipeg, MB** – In preparation for the upcoming summer construction season on the Red River Floodway Expansion Project, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) today unveiled its upcoming Construction Tender Plan.

“With all of the construction activity currently occurring in Manitoba, it makes sense to provide an outline of the work that will be needed to be done on the floodway project over the upcoming months and years,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “This information helps the industry to coordinate, plan and get ramped up as they consider bidding on future work.”

On February 23, 2007, the Government of Canada and Manitoba announced a joint funding commitment of \$341 million, bringing total funding to the floodway project to \$665 million. As a result of the recent announcement, the MFA is planning to tender approximately \$150 million of work over the spring and summer months.

As part of the plan outlined today, MFA has confirmed the following tenders for the following projects:

#### Channel Excavation

1. **Contract C3C** – Channel excavation of approximately 350,000 cubic metres of earth for approximately 1.2 km from Trans-Canada #1 Highway Bridge to Centreline Drain (to be tendered in April)
2. **Contract C7A** – West bank channel excavation of approximately 1,500,000 cubic metres of earth for approximately 5.4 km from Highway 59 North to Dunning Road Crossing (to be tendered in April)
3. **Contract C7B** – East bank channel excavation of approximately 1,400,000 cubic metres of earth for approximately 5.4 km from Highway 59 North to Dunning Road Crossing (to be tendered in April)
4. **Contract C8A** – West bank channel excavation of approximately 2,000,000 cubic metres of earth for approximately 9.5 km from Dunning Road Crossing to the Outlet Control Structure (to be tendered in April)

5. **Contract C8B** – East bank channel excavation of approximately 2,300,000 cubic metres of earth for approximately 9.5 km from Dunning Road Crossing to the Outlet Control Structure (to be tendered in April)
6. **Contract C6B** – Channel excavation of approximately 1,100,000 cubic metres of earth for approximately 1.3 km from Springfield Drain to Highway 59 Bridge (to be tendered in May)

### **Bridges and Structure**

1. **Outlet Control Structure** - Approximate doubling of the width of the outlet structure at Lockport including additional energy dissipation measures and additional erosion protection for the Red River north of the structure (to be tendered in April, 2007).
2. **Construction of the CPR Keewatin Railway Bridge** – Bridge modification (to be tendered late Summer/Fall 2007)
3. **Construction of the CPR Emerson Railway Bridge** – Bridge replacement (to be tendered in Summer, 2008)

In addition to these tenders for work along the floodway channel, MFA recently announced that ten tenders will be issued for construction of the West Dike as part of the 2007 Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative.

“As the project has proceeded, contractors have expressed a desire to have advance notice of upcoming work on the project,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of MFA. “We are pleased to be able to update the industry on work that MFA plans to tender over the next number of months. This will help contractors identify resources, labour and time required to complete their work while also providing the public a better understanding of the project timetable.”

The Red River Floodway Expansion Project will divert more water around Winnipeg during major floods by more than doubling the capacity of the existing floodway channel. By improving flood protection to 1-in-700 year level of protection, floodway expansion will protect more than 450,000 Manitobans, over 140,000 homes, over 8,000 businesses and will prevent more than \$12 billion in damages to the provincial economy during a major flood. Excavation of the floodway channel is scheduled to be completed in 2009 with associated bridge work in 2010.

The construction tender plan is tentative and is subject to change as the project proceeds.

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