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### TETRES CONSULTANTS INC. RECOGNIZED FOR WORK ON FLOODWAY EXPANSION PROJECT

#### **Engineering Firm Receives Award of Excellence from Consulting Engineers of Manitoba**

**Winnipeg, MB** – Last night at an awards reception sponsored by the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba, TetrES Consulting Inc. received an Award of Excellence in the Environmental category for their work on the Red River Floodway expansion project.

TetrES Consultants Inc., in association with InterGroup Consultants Limited, was retained by the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) in December 2003 to conduct an independent Environmental Assessment on the proposed Red River Floodway expansion project. In this capacity, the Environmental Assessment Team has been, and continues to, work closely with the MFA and various other engineering and consulting firms on this project.

“The floodway expansion project is critical to the future well-being of our province,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA). “TetrES brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the environmental assessment component of the project. We are very pleased that the TetrES team has been recognized and congratulate them for their hard work and dedication to the floodway expansion project.”

In addition to undertaking the technical and environmental analyses on the project components, the TetrES/InterGroup team was also responsible for assisting to conduct multiple rounds of public consultation to provide details and solicit feedback regarding aspects of the expansion project from the public. This process has consisted of four rounds of public consultation which began in January 2004 and included open houses, stakeholder workshops, and meetings with rural municipalities, non-governmental organizations, federal and provincial regulators, Aboriginal communities and the general public. Most recently, TetrES/InterGroup were involved in four weeks of public hearings about the project facilitated by the Clean Environment Commission.

“Ensuring that the project proceeds in a timely manner ensures that the City of Winnipeg is prepared in the event of a major flood,” said Gilroy. “TetrES/InterGroup has been successful in meeting its environmental assessment and public consultation objectives while meeting the project’s timeframes. We look forward to continue to work with the TetrES team as we prepare for the start of construction.”

By more than doubling the capacity of the existing floodway, the floodway expansion project is designed to provide a 1-in-700 year level of flood protection and protect more than 450,000 Manitobans, more than 140,000 homes, more than 8,000 businesses, and prevent more than \$12 billion in damages to the provincial economy. Pending environmental approval, construction on the project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2005.

Formed in 1978, Consulting Engineers of Manitoba (CEM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the business environment for consulting engineering firms in the province, and providing society with the highest standards of engineering and safety.

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