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TWO CONSORTIUM OF MANITOBA ENGINEERING FIRMS TO BE AWARDED CONTRACT FOR FLOODWAY EXPANSION PROJECT

First Nations Engineering Firm to Partner To Provide Engineering Expertise on Historic Project

Winnipeg, MB – The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) announced today that two consortiums of Manitoba engineering firms will be named the successful bidders to perform the engineering work on the final design of the Red River Floodway expansion project. Today's announcement represents an investment of approximately \$27 million in flood protection for Manitoba.

Manitoba Minister of Water Stewardship, Steve Ashton, and Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board made the announcement today at the Sheraton Winnipeg Hotel.

"Today's announcement is very good news for the successful firms, the Manitoba economy and the floodway expansion project," said Ashton. "Manitoba is blessed with a world-class engineering community and we are very pleased that these firms have joined together to build on the expertise and experience of each firm. This is an excellent example of how a made-in-Manitoba solution is benefiting the floodway project."

"By partnering together on this historic project, Manitobans can rest assured that the most experienced and technically capable engineering firms are working to protect the environment and the economy from Red River floods," said Alcock. "The Government of Canada applauds all of the successful firms in partnering on this critical national infrastructure project. Today's announcement ensures that the expanded floodway will be a made-in-Manitoba innovation that will have a long-lasting benefit for future generations."

The successful consortiums are:

- **KGS Group/Acres/SNC Lavalin/ UMA/ Wardrop/Earth Tech/ Barnes & Duncan/ First Canadian Engineers** will be awarded the *Main Floodway Channel, Structures and West Dyke* design contract which will include:
 - Widening of the existing channel to a design capacity of a 1 in a 700 year flood.
 - Modifications to 8 drainage structures.
 - Relocation to the City of Winnipeg's Aqueduct
 - Improvements to the Floodway Inlet Control Structure.
 - Expansion of the Outlet Structure and discharge channel into the Red River, including erosion protection downstream of the outlet structure.
 - Extension and raising of the West Dyke.
 - Potential mitigation works to minimize impacts to groundwater resources, socio-economic and biophysical impacts.

