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THREE CONTRACTS AWARDED ON THE FLOODWAY ABORIGINAL SET-ASIDE INITIATIVE

Approximately \$6.9 million in Rip Rap Contracts For the West Dike Awarded

Winnipeg, MB – The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) has announced the most recent tender awards for construction of the West Dike as part of the Floodway’s Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative.

“All of the Aboriginal construction companies working on the West Dike are improving the level of flood protection for Winnipeg,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “These tenders will reinforce and strengthen sections of the West Dike that were raised earlier this year.”

The contracts, estimated at approximately \$6.9 million in total, are for the supply and installation of rock rip rap for a section of the West Dike from the Inlet Control Structure in St. Norbert to PR 330. The successful companies are:

- Tender W15 – **5456291 Manitoba Ltd.** from Winnipeg submitted the lowest of six bids to supply and install rock rip rap on a section of the West Dike, estimated at approximately \$2.1 million;
- Tender W16 – **L. Chabot Enterprises Ltd.** from Winnipeg submitted the lowest of six bids to supply and install rock rip rap on a section of the West Dike, estimated at approximately \$2.8 million; and
- Tender W17 – **Camster Construction Ltd.** from St. Laurent, Manitoba submitted the lowest of six bids to supply and install rock rip rap on a section of the West Dike, estimated at approximately \$2.0 million.

The Aboriginal Set-Aside is an initiative designed to address potential skilled labour shortages by building capacity within the Aboriginal construction industry. In total 17 construction tenders, worth approximately \$28 million, have been awarded for the West Dike project as part of the Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative. As construction on the remainder of the West Dike continues, additional tenders will be advertised.

The West Dike, which is currently approximately 45 km (28 miles) in length and located southwest of Winnipeg, will be extended between 10 km (6 miles) and 15 km (9 miles) and raised in height in varying amounts to 1.5 metres (6 feet) to increase the flood protection safety factor. These improvements will provide increased protection against wind and wave action during major flood events.

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