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APPROXIMATELY \$60 MILLION IN FLOODWAY CHANNEL EXCAVATION CONTRACTS AWARDED

Flood Protection Level Scheduled to Reach 1826 Flood of Record Level by Spring of 2007

Winnipeg, MB – Today, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) announced that five major floodway channel excavation contracts have been awarded to four companies to undertake work on the Red River Floodway Expansion Project.

“The excavation work that all of these companies will undertake is critical to increasing the capacity of the floodway channel,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. He noted that, to date, floodway expansion, along with work previously undertaken by Manitoba Water Stewardship since the 1997 Flood of the Century, has increased the level of flood protection for Winnipeg from 1-in-90 to 1-in-140 year.

The successful companies are:

- **Hugh Munro Construction** from Winnipeg, has been awarded work to undertake channel excavation on the west bank of the channel from the PTH 59 South Bridge to the CNR Sprague Bridge. Hugh Munro submitted lowest of four bids in response to the tender estimated at \$17.2 million;
- **Sigfusson Northern Ltd.**, from Lundar, Manitoba, has been awarded work to undertake channel excavation on the east bank of the channel from the PTH 59 South to the CNR Sprague Bridge. Sigfusson Northern submitted the lowest of five bids in response to the tender estimated at \$14.1 million;
- **Erickson Construction**, from Riverton, Manitoba has been awarded work to undertake channel excavation from the Greater Winnipeg Water District Bridge (GWWD) to the PTH 15 Bridge. Erickson submitted the lowest of three bids in response to the tender estimated at \$9.5 million;
- **Sigfusson Northern Ltd.**, from Lundar, Manitoba has been awarded work to undertake channel excavation from the C.N. Redditt Bridge to the C.P.R. Keewatin Bridge. Sigfusson Northern submitted the lowest of 5 bids in response to the tender estimated at \$11.7 million; and
- **MLA Northern Contracting Ltd.**, from Thunderbay, Ontario, has been awarded work to undertake channel excavation from the CPR Keewatin Bridge to just south of the PTH 59 North Bridge. MLA Northern submitted the lowest of five bids in response to the tender estimated at \$6.9 million.

“Weather permitting, these contracts will help us reach the goal of 1-in-300 year flood protection - equivalent to the 1826 flood, the largest flood in Manitoba history - by next spring,” said Gilroy. “We look forward to working with these companies as the floodway project proceeds.”

To date, approximately 9 km of channel excavation work has been completed. With work on these contracts commencing, approximately 22 km of new channel excavation work will be underway, bringing the total area under excavation to 31 kms or approximately 64 per cent of the floodway channel.

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