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### **FLOODWAY AUTHORITY ISSUES TENDER FOR UPGRADES TO THE FLOODWAY INLET CONTROL STRUCTURE**

#### **Navigational Safety and Enhanced Fire Protection Among Improvements to the Structure**

**Winnipeg, MB** – The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) has advertised a tender for improvements to the Floodway Inlet Control Structure as part of the Red River Floodway Expansion Project.

“The Floodway Inlet Control Structure is a crucial part of the Floodway system which has become the symbol that represents protection for Winnipeg,” said Steve Ashton, Minister of Water Stewardship. “Over the years, the inlet structure has protected the City from the Red River’s rising waters on many occasions. This investment will ensure that the structure is there when we need it again.” He noted that since its completion in the 1968, the Red River Floodway has prevented over \$8 billion in damages to the provincial economy.

“The Inlet Structure is critical to the overall functioning of the floodway,” said Reg Alcock, President of Treasury Board and minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. “After over 37 years, it makes sense to take this opportunity to improve and strengthen the integrity of the structure.”

The work involves overall upgrades to the Floodway Inlet Control Structure Mechanical and Electrical Systems. The major components of the work include:

- a) supply and installation of a new fire suppression system
- b) supply and installation of a new fire alarm system
- c) supply and installation of navigation warning system
- d) modifications to the existing gate hoist hydraulic system for operational reliability
- e) supply of a backup mobile hydraulic system pressure supply unit(s)
- f) modifications to the existing motor control electrical system for operational reliability
- g) removal of existing components replaced through this upgrade

“These improvements will enhance navigational safety in the vicinity of the structure, protect it in the event of a fire and improve the structure’s operational reliability,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA.

For more information on tender requirements, please visit the MERX electronic tendering service at [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com). For all floodway expansion tenders, digital bid documents are being distributed **only** through MERX. Contractors are advised to monitor MERX on an ongoing basis as the floodway project proceeds. The deadline for bids in response to this tender is Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

In the upcoming days, tenders for the PTH 59 South Bridge and the Trans-Canada Highway East Bridge are expected to be issued. The estimated value of the tenders to be issued in the first year of the five year program is \$90 million.

The Red River Floodway Expansion Project will divert more water around Winnipeg during major floods by more than doubling the capacity of the 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 prevent more than \$12 billion in damages to the provincial economy.

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