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### FLOODWAY AUTHORITY CONTRIBUTES \$1000 TO MANITOBA CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

#### Conference to Promote “SAFE Work”: Gilroy

**Winnipeg, Manitoba** – The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is contributing \$1000 to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Manitoba Construction Conference that is being held on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

“Ensuring workplace safety is all of our responsibilities,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “This conference provides valuable opportunities for employees and employers to learn about their roles and responsibilities in ensuring a safe work environment. We are pleased to join with all of our partners to sponsor the conference and help promote ‘SAFE Work’.”

"The conference provides an event where workers, supervisors, owners and all levels of government can together learn and communicate workplace safety, health and environment knowledge, skills and experience while all working towards a safer and environmentally responsible workplace in Manitoba," said Dave Gylywoychuk, Co-Chair of the conference.

The Manitoba Construction Conference is the second largest safety and health conference in Canada. The main objective of the Conference is the prevention of accidents, injuries and losses in the construction and related industries. It was established to meet the need for increased education and training in safety, health and environmental responsibilities in the workplace and promote the theme of “Safe Work”. Last year the Conference attracted 1,175 participants, 45 exhibitors, 45 instructors and numerous guests.

At this year’s conference, 24 different workshops are being offered that will examine a number of different areas including hazard assessment, pollution prevention, safety skills, first aid training, emergency spill response, and the hazards of excavating, trenching and ground disturbance. Over 1,200 people are anticipated to attend this year’s conference.

"Awesome! This is the 16th year in a row of record setting attendance,” said Sean Scott, Co-Chair of the conference. “The overwhelming success of our conference is a solid indication to the growing awareness and importance of safety in Manitoba.”



The conference is organized and co-hosted by the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, the Winnipeg Construction Association, Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba, the Workplace Safety and Health Division, SAFE Work Manitoba, Manitoba Conservation and the Manitoba Building & Construction Trades Council.

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