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OUTLET CONTROL STRUCTURE TO UNDERGO MAJOR EXPANSION **PCL Constructors Awarded Contract to Improve Outlet**

Today, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) announced that PCL Constructors Canada Inc. has been awarded the contract to undertake a major expansion of the Outlet Control Structure near Lockport as part of the Red River Floodway Expansion Project.

“The expansion of the Outlet Control Structure is a major component of the floodway expansion project,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “Over the next two years, over a hundred workers will be busy widening the structure to ensure that it can accommodate the increased flow that will pass through the expanded floodway during a major flood.” Gilroy noted that the expansion project will more than double the existing capacity of the floodway from 60,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 140,000 cfs.

PCL will be widening the existing outlet structure to approximately twice its existing size to accommodate the increased flow. Side walls will also be constructed in the channel to prevent erosion and chute and baffle blocks will be constructed on the downstream end of the outlet to further reduce the speed of water re-entering the Red River. These improvements will help to ensure that the speed of water passing through the outlet remains largely unchanged from the pre-expansion condition. Work on the Outlet will begin in the summer and is scheduled to occur over two years.

“PCL is very pleased to be able to contribute to the improvements of the Outlet Structure,” said Kevin Skinner, Vice President and District Manager for PCL Constructors Canada Inc. “Our company has already been working with the MFA on three bridge projects and we look forward to continuing to work together to increase the level of flood protection provided by the expanded floodway.”

As a Manitoba General Contractor, PCL set up a permanent office in Winnipeg in 1963 and over the course of 44 years has built and are building many of the signature projects in the province including the MTS Centre and the Manitoba Hydro Downtown Office Building. PCL is a traditional builder and self performs work, directly employing a significant number of Manitobans on their projects. PCL submitted the lowest of three bids in response to the tender estimated at \$35 million.

The MFA also announced that a subsequent tender will be issued to incorporate rip rap and/or other erosion control measures for approximately 1.2 kms on the west bank of the Red River immediately north of the floodway outlet. This work is scheduled to be undertaken in the winter of 2008.

Construction on the project was officially kicked off on September 23, 2005 and since that time the floodway’s capacity has been increased from 1-in-90 year to 1-in-300 year flood level. To date, approximately 31 kms or approximately 64 per cent of the floodway channel is under excavation, with approximately 8,000,000 cubic metres of earth being moved. To date over 1000 people have worked on the floodway project. Channel excavation work is scheduled to be completed in 2009 with associated bridge and related structure work being completed in 2010.

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