



FLOODWAY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL ABORIGINAL CONTRACTORS TO UNDERTAKE WORK ON FLOODWAY EXPANSION PROJECT

89 Bids Received in Response to Ten Tenders on the 2007 Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative

Winnipeg, MB – Building on the success of the 2006 Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) today announced the successful contractors who will undertake work on the West Dike as part of the 2007 program on the Red River Floodway Expansion Project.

“The Aboriginal Set-Aside initiative is designed to increase the pool of skilled labour while building capacity in the construction industry,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “We are very pleased with the level of interest in this year’s program and look forward to working with the successful Aboriginal contractors to increase the level of flood protection provided by the West Dike.”

The successful contractors on the set-aside are:

1. **Tender W5** – L. Chabot Entreprises Ltd. was awarded the contract to undertake 2.2 km of dike construction involving approximately 194,000 cubic metres of excavation. L. Chabot submitted the lowest of nine bids in response to the tender estimated at \$2.6 million;
2. **Tender W6** – Camster Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract to undertake 2.0 kms of dike construction involving approximately 160,000 cubic metres of excavation. Camster submitted the lowest of seven bids in response to the tender estimated at \$1.5 million;
3. **Tender W7** – 5456291 Manitoba Ltd. was awarded the contract to undertake 1.5 kms of dike construction involving approximately 87,000 cubic metres of excavation. The company submitted the lowest of twelve bids in response to the tender estimated at \$900,000;
4. **Tender W8** – Camster Construction was awarded the contract to undertake 1.2 kms of dike construction involving approximately 78,000 cubic metres of excavation. Camster submitted the lowest of twelve bids in response to the tender estimated at \$850,000;
5. **Tender W9** – L. Chabot Construction was awarded the contract to undertake 1.0 kms of dike construction and granular road surfacing involving approximately 63,000 cubic metres of excavation. L. Chabot submitted the lowest of ten bids in response to the tender estimated at \$950,000;
6. **Tender W10** – Skownan/Dyck Joint Venture Construction Company was awarded the contract to undertake 1.7 kms of dike construction and granular road surfacing involving approximately 70,000 cubic metres of excavation. Skownan/Dyck submitted the lowest of eight bids in response to the tender estimated at \$1.1 million;

7. **Tender W11** – Cree West Contractors Ltd. was awarded the contract to undertake 9.4 kms of granular road surfacing involving approximately 17,000 tonnes of granular. Cree-West submitted the lowest of seven bids in response to the tender estimated at \$600,000; and
8. **Tender W12** – L.Chabot Entreprises Ltd. was awarded the contract to undertake 4.2 kms of dike construction and granular road surfacing involving approximately 84,000 cubic metres of excavation. L. Chabot submitted the lowest of four bids in response to the tender estimated at \$1.4 million.
9. **Tender W13** – Skownan/Dyck Joint Venture Construction Company was awarded the contract to undertake the excavation and placement of compacted clay embankment along a section of the West Dike. Skownan/Dyck submitted the lowest of nine bids in response to the tender estimated at \$2 million.
10. **Tender W14** – H. Baudry Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract to undertake the excavation and placement of compacted clay embankment along a section of the West Dike. The company submitted the lowest of eleven bids in response to the tender estimated at \$2.4 million.

Earlier this spring, the MFA advertised ten contracts for work on a section of the West Dike from the Inlet Control Structure to PR 330. The work consists of the dike construction, ditch grading, culvert installation, traffic control, temporary detours, traffic signage, silt fencing and other temporary erosion control measures, granular road surfacing, revegetation and the excavation and placement of compacted clay embankment.

During the 2006 construction season, the MFA tendered one section of the West Dike as a pilot project for the Set-Aside Initiative to the following contractors:

- W1 - Camster Construction Ltd. from St. Laurent;
- W2 - Skownan/Dyck Joint Venture Construction Company from Skownan First Nation;
- W3 - H. Baudry Construction from Ste. Agathe; and
- W4 - L. Chabot Enterprises Ltd. from Winnipeg.

Over the past three years, the MFA has been working with the Aboriginal community to develop the Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative. This process has included ongoing dialogue with First Nation and Metis contractors, community representatives, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Manitoba Métis Federation, and the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce.

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