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MANITOBA ENGINEERING FIRMS RECOGNIZED FOR WORK ON FLOODWAY EXPANSION PROJECT

KGS Group, Acres Manitoba and UMA Engineering Receive Award of Merit From the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba

Winnipeg, MB – Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the Manitoba Floodway Authority, today congratulated KGS Group, Acres Manitoba and UMA Engineering for receiving an Award of Merit in the Infrastructure and Resource Development category from the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba for their work on the Red River Floodway Expansion Project.

“KGS Group worked on the preliminary flood protection studies after the 1997 Flood of the Century and is very familiar with the floodway,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA). “They, along with Acres and UMA, have a wealth of knowledge about the floodway and we are very pleased to be working with all of these firms as we expand the floodway and improve flood protection. We congratulate them on being recognized by an organization of their peers.”

The Red River Floodway Expansion Project is one of the largest public infrastructure project’s in Manitoba’s history. KGS Group, Acres Manitoba and UMA Engineering collaborated to serve as the lead consultant responsible for preliminary engineering and environmental assessment on the project. The assignment involved the co-ordination of eleven firms and over 100,000 hours of engineering. State of the art technology was applied to streamline coordination, develop innovative solutions, and achieve the best design and the lowest project cost. This work was accomplished while complying to a tight timeframe.

Once the preliminary engineering and environmental assessment was completed, a contract for the final design of the main floodway channel, structures and the West Dike was awarded to a consortium led by KGS Group which also included Acres, SNC Lavalin, UMA, Wardrop, Earth Tech, Barnes and Duncan, and First Canadian Engineers. The final design engineering moved forward after the project received environmental approval from Canada and Manitoba in July of 2005.

By more than doubling the capacity of the existing floodway, the floodway expansion project is designed to provide a 1-in-700 year level of flood protection and protect more than 450,000 Manitobans, more than 140,000 homes, more than 8,000 businesses, and prevent more than \$12 billion in damages to the provincial economy.

Formed in 1978, Consulting Engineers of Manitoba (CEM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the business environment for consulting engineering firms in the province, and providing society with the highest standards of engineering and safety.

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