Three Firms Shortlisted for Johnson Street Bridge Contract

VICTORIA, BC – The City of Victoria has completed the pre-qualification for the contract to replace the Johnson Street Bridge and three qualified firms have been selected.

Eight firms submitted proposals and listed a number of noted subcontractors. Interest came from local, national, and international firms representing a wide variety of skills and experience in building bridges. Based on the evaluation and short listing, the following three teams (lead proponent and noted sub-contractors) will be invited to compete in the request for proposal to replace the Johnson Street Bridge:

- PCL Constructors Westcoast Inc., and
  - Hardesty & Hanover
  - Thurber Engineering
  - Tensor Engineering
  - Robert J. Connor & Associates
  - D.L. McQuaid & Associates Inc.

- Peter Kiewit Infrastructure Co. (Kiewit), and
  - EC Driver & Associates Inc.
  - Shannon & Wilson Inc.
  - Urban Systems

- WCC Construction Canada, ULC, and
  - Collins Engineers
  - Somerset Engineering/KWH Constructors
  - Farmer Construction Company

Fairness Monitor Professor Jamie Cassels, Q.C. observed and monitored meetings and correspondence between the City and the eight firms throughout the process. His report on the Request for Qualification has been submitted to Council. As noted in his report, based on his observations, he is satisfied that the process leading to the selection of the final three qualified candidates was consistent with the Request for Qualifications and fair in all respects.

The City will issue a Request for Proposal this month to the three successful firms. These teams will be invited to participate in a detailed engineering review of the bridge designs and submit indicative pricing to the City in June. They will also be invited to critically review the indicative design during the preparation of their proposals and will be permitted to suggest any design alterations or adjustments that will optimize the design of the replacement bridge and deliver the project on time and on budget. The three firms will then submit a fixed price proposal to replace the Johnson Street Bridge. Evaluation of those proposals will be completed in October 2012. It will be followed by a report to Council recommending the award of the contract.
The fairness monitor will continue to be involved throughout the procurement process and will submit another report to Council at the end of the second evaluation process.

Construction of the new bridge is expected to support an estimated half billion in development activities and create approximately 900 jobs over the next four years.

*FAIRNESS MONITOR REPORT ATTACHED*

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