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FLOODWAY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES TENDER AWARDS FOR 2009 WEST DIKE CONSTRUCTION

To Date, Approximately \$53 Million Invested in Aboriginal Set-Aside

Today, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) announced the successful bidders for the most recent 2009 West Dike construction tenders as part of the Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative on the Red River Floodway Expansion Project. To date, 30 tenders, worth approximately \$53 million, have been invested in the Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative.

"In response to the five construction tenders recently advertised, twenty-eight bids were received," said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. "We are very pleased with the interest we continue to receive from the Aboriginal construction industry and we look forward to moving forward with west dike construction."

The successful bidders are as follows:

- 1. Tender W21** – 1133407 Ontario Ltd. / O/ Pipestone Contracting Ltd. was awarded the contract, estimated at \$2.9 million to construct a dike including 270,000 cubic metres of earthwork plus installation of one gated concrete control structure, and steel culvert installations on a 3.0 km section of the West Dike. The company was the lowest of seven bidders on the project.
- 2. Tender W28** – H. Baudry Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract, estimated at \$1.4 million to construct a dike including 253,000 cubic metres of earthwork on a 2.8 km section of the West Dike. H. Baudry Construction was the lowest of eight bidders on the project.
- 3. Tender W29** – Tribal Council Investors Group (TCIG) / Munro Construction was awarded the contract, estimated at \$1.1 million, to construct a dike including 190,000 cubic metres of earthwork on a 2.2 km section of the West Dike. TGIC/ Munro was the lowest of five bidders on the project.
- 4. Tender W19** – Meetong Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract, estimated at \$2.5 million to extend the Glenlea Drain, including steel culvert installations, installation of a gated concrete control structure, and rip/rap of the outlet control structure, as well as 120,000 cubic metres of earthwork on 3.8 km of the Glenlea Drain Extension. Meetong Construction was the lowest of four bidders on the project.
- 5. Tender ED1** – Nistow Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract, estimated at \$1.9 million to reconstruct 1 km of dike/road on Courchaine Road east of the Red River, involving earthwork, pavement demolition and re-paving; Nistow was the lowest of five bidders on the project.

To qualify as an Aboriginal firm to bid for work on the Aboriginal Set-Aside, a contractor is required to be at least:

- 51% Aboriginal-owned; and
- 1/3 of its employees must be Aboriginal persons

The West Dike, located southwest of Winnipeg, is being raised in height in varying amounts up to 1.5 metres (6 feet) to provide increased protection against wind and wave action during major flood events. The westerly 8 km, currently on PR305 is to be re-aligned in a northwest direction until it reaches PTH 3. To date, approximately 37 km of the 51 km long West Dike has been reconstructed.

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