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FLOODWAY AUTHORITY AWARDS NEWEST ABORIGINAL SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS

To Date Approximately \$43 Million Invested in Set-Aside

Today, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) has announced the Aboriginal construction companies that have been awarded the latest four construction contracts as part of the floodway's Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative.

The tenders consist of the three tenders for the supply and installation of rock rip rap on the West Dike and one tender for the supply and installation of rock rip rap along the west bank of the Red River across from the Outlet Control Structure in Lockport, MB. The successful contractors are:

1. **Tender W25** – Cree-West Contractors Ltd. was awarded a \$2.2 million contract to supply and install 73,000 tonnes of processed limestone rock rip rap on a 2 km section of the West Dike;
2. **Tender W26** – 5456291 Manitoba Ltd. was awarded a \$1.6 million contract to supply and install 50,000 tonnes of processed limestone rock rip rap on a 2.3 km section of the West Dike;
3. **Tender W27** – L. Chabot Enterprises Ltd. and Metoong Construction Ltd. Joint Venture was awarded a \$1.3 million contract to supply and install 45,000 tonnes of processed limestone rock rip on a 3 km section of the West Dike; and
4. **Tender CE2** – 5456291 Manitoba Ltd. was awarded a \$3.0 million contract to supply and install 81,000 tonnes of processed limestone rock rip rap on a 1.8 km section of the west bank of the Red River across from the Outlet Structure in Lockport, MB.

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

To date, including the tenders awarded today, 25 construction tenders, worth approximately \$43 million, have been awarded on the Aboriginal Set-Aside Initiative. Additional tenders will be advertised for the remainder of the West Dike this spring.

The West Dike, which is currently approximately 45 km (28 miles) in length and located southwest of Winnipeg is being raised in height in varying amounts 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. For approximately 6 km further west of PTH 3 the municipal road will be designated as part of the West Dike but will not be raised. To date, approximately 37 km of the 51 km long West Dike has been reconstructed.

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