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### **TENDERS ADVERTISED FOR TWO NEW FLOODWAY BRIDGES**

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) has advertised two highway bridge tenders for the construction of the PTH 44 and PTH 15 bridges as part of the Red River Floodway Expansion Project.

The replacement of the PTH 44 bridge will ensure that the new bridge is above the 1-in-700 year flood level and is operational during a major flood. The replacement of the PTH 15 bridge will ensure that the new structure meets current design standards and will provide a service life of 75 years.

The specific tenders advertised are as follows:

- **Tender T17 – Construction of the PTH 44 Highway Bridge** – The tender consists of the construction of a new bridge over the floodway on PTH 44, associated road works on PTH 44 and PR 204, channel works and demolition of the existing bridge and upgrading of Rockhaven Road. Improvements associated with the work include the upgrading of Rockhaven Road and the PTH 44 and PR 204 interchange;
- **Tender T18 – Construction of the PTH 15 Highway Bridge** – The tender consists of the replacement of the existing bridge structure located on PTH 15 across the floodway, associated road works and channel works. Safety improvements associated with the work include replacing the existing two-lane structure with a new three lane structure including a turning lane, and the inclusion of a raised bridge median.

During construction, minimal traffic disruptions are anticipated as the existing bridges will continue to be operational as construction on the new bridges is underway. Work on both bridges is anticipated to begin this summer and is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2010.

On December 22, 2008, the Governments of Canada and Manitoba announced the re-introduction of the PTH 44 and PTH 15 highway bridges to the Red River Floodway Expansion Project. As a result, a total of eight highway and railway bridges will be replaced over the course of the floodway expansion project. To date, four bridges have been replaced and two others are currently under construction. The overall budget for the project is \$665 million and is cost-shared on a 50/50 basis between the Governments of Canada and Manitoba.

Construction on the Red River Floodway Expansion Project was officially kicked off on September 23, 2005. Over 2500 people and over 100 companies have been working on the project. For more information on the tenders, please visit the MERX electronic tendering system [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com).

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