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COMPANIES SHORTLISTED FOR OTTAWA LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT

Project Attracts Interest of LRT Experts from Around the Globe

OTTAWA – The City of Ottawa and Infrastructure Ontario today announced the companies short-listed to submit proposals to design, build, finance and maintain the Ottawa Light Rail Transit (OLRT) project.

This OLRT project is the first of several phases to implement light rail transit in the city of Ottawa and includes:

- a 12.5-kilometre line along the existing Bus Route System (BRT) corridor from Blair Road in the east to Tunney's Pasture in the west
- a tunnel through the downtown core
- 13 stations, including three underground stations

The LRT system will help improve comfort and reliability of the city's transit system, help reduce traffic congestion, reduce travel times and green house gas emissions, and make the downtown core more pedestrian and cycling friendly.

Design and construction of the OLRT will create and support jobs, help strengthen the City of Ottawa and neighbouring regions' economies; and align with the City of Ottawa's Transportation Master Plan.

Over the past few months, companies from all over the world participated in a rigorous competitive request for qualifications (RFQ) process that reviewed their design, construction, maintenance and financing abilities to deliver Ottawa's Light Rail Transit project.

Following the evaluations of each of the proposals, the three highest scoring bidders were short-listed for the OLRT project:

Ottawa Transit Partners:

- VINCI Concessions.
- ACCIONA Concessions Canada Inc.
- ACCIONA Infrastructure Canada Inc.
- Aecon, Construction Group Inc.
- Bombardier Transportation Canada Inc.
- VINCI Construction Grands Projets

Rideau Transit Group:

- ACS Infrastructure Canada Inc.
- SNC-Lavalin Capital, a division of SNC-Lavalin Inc.
- EllisDon Inc.
- SNC-Lavalin Constructors (Pacific) Inc.
- Dragados Canada Inc.
- EllisDon Corporation
- Veolia Transportation Services Inc.

Rideau Transit Partners:

- Bouygues Travaux Publics S.A.
- Brookfield Financial Corp.
- Fiera Axiom Infrastructure Canada LP
- Parsons Enterprises Inc.
- Parsons Canada Ltd.
- Colas Rail S.A.
- Johnson Controls L.P.

Short-listed bidders will be invited to respond to the request for proposals, which will be released in fall 2011.

The OLRT will be publicly owned; it will be integrated into the City of Ottawa's existing transit service, OC Transpo and will be aligned with the city's Transportation Master Plan.

The City of Ottawa will continue to set transit fares and establish customer service standards

The City of Ottawa has engaged Infrastructure Ontario as the Commercial Procurement Lead for the OLRT project. Infrastructure Ontario is a Crown corporation dedicated to managing some of the province's larger and more complex infrastructure renewal projects - ensuring they are built on time and on budget.

Explore the Ottawa Light Rail Transit at www.ottawalightrail.ca.
Find out more about Infrastructure Ontario www.infrastructureontario.ca.

Quotes:

Mayor Jim Watson, the City of Ottawa

"The clear winner in this process will be Ottawa. The collective reputations and experience of these firms will make for a fierce competition during the procurement process and will bring the best value to the City."

Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Transportation

"Our government's long-term infrastructure plan, *Building Together*, will move the City of Ottawa forward by implementing plans to expand and renew public transit infrastructure. Our investment in transit systems also will create jobs in the Ottawa region and help reduce energy consumption, commuters travel time and congestion on local roads."

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