

## **Bridging North America**

Bridging North America (BridgingNA) is comprised of some of the most recognized leaders in the construction/infrastructure industry which includes North American and international companies.

### **Team Members**

Bridging North America's prime team members include:

- ACS Infrastructure Canada Inc.
- Dragados Canada Inc.
- Fluor Canada Ltd.
- AECON
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- RBC Dominion Securities Inc.
- Carlos Fernandez Casado and FHECOR Ingenieros Consultores, S.A. (CFC/FHECOR)
- Moriyama & Teshima
- Smith-Miller+Hawkinson Architects.



BridgingNA partners have significant experience carrying out major infrastructure projects such as the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway in Windsor, Ontario; New Champlain Bridge Corridor in Montreal, Quebec; Autoroute 30 in Montreal, Quebec; Eglinton Crosstown LRT in Toronto, Ontario; Réseau Express Métropolitain (REM) in Montreal, Quebec; Automated People Mover at LAX Airport, California; Harbour Bridge and Tappan Zee Bridge in New York and San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge.

### **Local Partners**

BridgingNA recognizes the importance of partnering with local stakeholders, businesses, professional associations, unions, First Nations and educational institutions for the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. These partnerships will help to strengthen the local economy, create jobs and training, and ensure the success of the project during its design, construction and operation.

In addition to partnering with local businesses, BridgingNA is working with local unions on both sides of the border to establish agreements to employ the local labour force.

### **Philosophy/Approach to Work**

Safety is paramount for BridgingNA. BridgingNA is committed to developing a caring, preventive safety culture across our organization. Safety drives the actions of all project employees and we will work to ensure safety for our workforce, the travelling public and all stakeholders involved in the project.

## Workforce Development and Participation

As part of the Community Benefits Plan, a strategy geared toward engaging local workers and businesses will be finalized and implemented by BridgingNA.

With a focus on workforce, training and pre-apprenticeships/apprenticeships, this strategy will ensure opportunities for local workforce development and training occur on both sides of the border and will leverage existing local resources to maximize the opportunities for Windsorites, Detroiters and First Nations.

## Job Opportunities

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project will create jobs on both sides of the border during construction and many permanent jobs in the operation of the crossing. As well, it is expected that thousands of jobs will be created in businesses that will supply goods and raw materials for the project.

BridgingNA anticipates the creation of 2,500 jobs including direct hires, sub-contractors and seconded individuals, as well as significant economic benefits that extend to the whole region.

There will be many jobs for skilled and experienced construction trade workers such as: operating engineers, labourers, carpenters, electricians, landscapers, equipment operators, and truck drivers. There will be business opportunities for local haulage companies and suppliers (i.e. cement, piping, etc), as well. Other employment opportunities will be available for engineering, accounting, quality control, safety, project control and finance.

## Local Offices

WDBA and BridgingNA will establish local project offices in the communities of Windsor and Detroit in the near future. Details about these offices, their location and hours of operation will be posted when available at [www.wdbridge.com](http://www.wdbridge.com).

For more information about the Gordie Howe International Bridge project visit [www.wdbridge.com](http://www.wdbridge.com). Follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/GordieHoweBrg](https://www.twitter.com/GordieHoweBrg), like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge](https://www.facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge) and connect with us on LinkedIn at [www.linkedin.com/company/wdba-apwd](https://www.linkedin.com/company/wdba-apwd).

