

## News Release

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### **WDBA Announces Short-Listed Respondents for Gordie Howe International Bridge**

**WINDSOR, ONTARIO** – The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) announced today the Respondent Teams that will move forward in the Request for Proposals stage of the competitive public-private partnership procurement process to select a private-sector partner for the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

Referred to as Short-Listed Respondents, these teams are:

- Legacy Link Partners
- Bridging North America
- CanAm Gateway Partners

Following the issuance of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on July 20, 2015, teams consisting of international and North American companies worked to prepare Responses demonstrating their experience and qualifications to deliver and finance large and complex infrastructure projects. On October 9, 2015, WDBA received six Response submissions.

All six Responses underwent rigorous, objective, consensus-based evaluations and were considered to be qualified. All the Respondents were required to comply with all applicable laws and Public Services and Procurement Canada's Integrity Framework. The RFQ evaluation, conducted by both public- and private-sector experts, was overseen by an independent fairness monitor who concluded that the evaluation was fair, open and transparent. The three highest scoring teams will be asked to respond to the Request for Proposals, to be issued later this year.

"With the Short-Listed Respondents named, WDBA is pleased to have concluded the first stage in the public-private partnership procurement process," said Michael Cautillo, President and CEO of WDBA. "Our team of dedicated staff, partners and consultants have worked diligently to implement a fair and transparent process that recognizes the size and scope of this unprecedented international project. We are in the process of finalizing the Request for Proposals which will be issued to the Short-Listed Respondents in the near term."

#### **About the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority**

The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) is a not-for-profit Canadian Crown corporation created to manage the procurement process for the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of the new Gordie Howe International Bridge between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan through a public-private partnership (P3). The WDBA is also responsible for project oversight. For more information on WDBA visit [www.wdbridge.com](http://www.wdbridge.com) and follow WDBA on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/wdbabridge](http://www.twitter.com/wdbabridge).

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