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Niagara Convention and Civic Centre chooses Bid Design Contenders

The Niagara Convention and Civic Centre have released the names of the four contenders who have been qualified to compete in the design build construction bid. The four design/ build teams are:

Ellis Don Builders and B&H actitecure whose team participated in the work for the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, the City of London Convention Centre and the John Labatt Centre.

Eastern Construction and IBI Group architects whose team participated in work for the Windsor Casino Expansion, the National Trade Centre and the London Convention Center.

Vanbots Construction and WZMH Architect whose team participated in work for the Windsor Casino, the Northlands Convention Centre Redevelopment and the Exhibition Place conference center.

Bondfield Construction and CS&P Architects whose team participated in work for the Bracebridge community Centre, Theatre and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, North York general Hospital Renovation and Queen's University Integrated Learning Centre.

Kerry Painter, President and General Manager commented, "I'm so thrilled to have such qualified design/build teams participating in this process. It's wonderful to have teams with such specific relevant previous work bidding on our project. We'll be waiting with great anticipation to see the designs they bring to us. I'm so looking forward, as I know the citizens of the Region are, to seeing the ultimate look of the facility on paper. We already have business on the books but the renters are certainly looking forward to seeing the facility they have rented."

The Niagara Convention and Civic Centre is pursuing a design/build process over a traditional bid process to ensure the best combination of design, value and maximum footage with a guaranteed fixed price. The bid packages will be available to the design/build teams in September. Construction will begin early in 2009 and the centre will be open for convention business in spring 2011.

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