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“NCCC Selects Short List of Design-Build Teams to Bid on RFP”

The Niagara Convention and Civic Centre and the Convention Centre Development Committee (CCDC) has completed its RFQ process and released the names of the four contenders who have been qualified to compete in the design build construction bid.. After receiving nine (9) submissions from various qualified design-build consortia, the CCDC, consisting of the City of Niagara Falls, MHPM, the Bridging Consultants and representatives of NCCC, short listed the following four (4) proponents:

1. Bondfield Construction Company Limited - Concord, ON 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.
2. Easter Construction Company Limited - Toronto, ON whose team participated in work for the Windsor Casino Expansion, the National Trade Centre and the London Convention Center.
3. Ellis Don Design Build Inc. - Mississauga, ON whose team participated in the work for the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, the City of London Convention Centre and the John Labatt Centre.
4. Vanbots Construction Corporation - Markham, ON whose team participated in work for the Windsor Casino, the Northlands Convention Centre Redevelopment and the Exhibition Place conference center.

The CCDC undertook a rigorous examination of the RFQ documents prepared by the nine groups. After a lengthy analysis, reference checks, and objective scoring procedure, the above mentioned four groups were deemed the most suitable to undertake the design - building RFP which will be issued in the next few weeks. The CCDC has endeavored to keep the project on schedule with construction beginning in May of 2009 and completion of the building by March, 2011.

Kerry Painter, President and General Manager commented, “I’m so thrilled to have such qualified design/build teams participating in this process who have a history of working on similar projects. We’ll be waiting with great anticipation to see the designs they create for 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. Although we already have business on the books the renters are certainly excited to see 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 business in spring 2011. For more information go to www.fallsconventions.com/news/

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