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THREE SHORTLISTED TO BUILD NEW OKANAGAN LAKE BRIDGE

KELOWNA – Three qualified proponent teams have been shortlisted to respond to a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design, build, finance, maintain and operate a new Okanagan Lake Bridge in Kelowna.

The three proponent teams are:

- Bouygues Travaux Publics
- Okanagan Bridge Group
- SNC-Lavalin Inc.

A total of five proponents responded to the Request for Qualifications issued in December 2003. These submissions were checked for completeness and evaluated based on technical and commercial qualifications.

The current Okanagan Lake Bridge was built in 1958, extending Highway 97 from the City of Kelowna to communities in the South Okanagan. Today, it is the most congested section of highway outside of the Lower Mainland.

To alleviate this congestion, the provincial government is seeking a long-term operator to design, build, operate, finance and maintain a new crossing. The estimated cost for a new five-lane toll-free bridge is \$100 million. Further, government is committing \$20 million for interchanges on the west side.

A final RFP will be released to proponents within a month, with a preferred partner selected by the fall. In preparation of the project start-up, the Ministry of Transportation will begin preliminary construction in the fall.

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1 backgrounder(s) attached.

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