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TWO PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR NEW OKANAGAN LAKE BRIDGE

VICTORIA – The Ministry of Transportation has received two technical proposals to design, build and operate a new toll-free five-lane Okanagan Lake Bridge in Kelowna.

In May 2004, three qualified proponent teams were invited to respond to the Request for Proposals:

- Bouygues Travaux Publics
- Okanagan Bridge Group, led by Flatiron Constructors
- SNC-Lavalin Inc.

Both Okanagan Bridge Group and SNC-Lavalin have submitted technical proposals, with commercial proposals to finance the new bridge to be submitted by Dec.13. Bouygues Travaux Publics chose not to submit a proposal.

Over the next four months, a team of government and industry specialists will evaluate the technical, commercial and legal aspects of the proposals. If the proposals meet all mandatory requirements, and are deemed to be acceptable, the competition may proceed to a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) stage, when proponents will be given the opportunity to fine-tune their proposals.

A contract is expected to be signed with the successful proponent by the spring of 2005. The ministry anticipates beginning preliminary construction on the west causeway on schedule in the spring, with the new bridge expected to open in 2008.

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