

EVALUATION OF SEA-TO-SKY IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS BEGINS

VICTORIA –The Ministry of Transportation’s evaluation of proposals to design, build, finance, and operate (DBFO) the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project is underway. Three qualified proponent teams submitted responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) on January 17, 2005. The short-listed teams include:

- Black Tusk Highway Group
- S2S Transportation Group
- Sound Highway Development Consortium

An evaluation and due diligence committee appointed by the Ministry of Transportation is assisted by four sub-committees with leading experts in design and construction, law, finance, environment and other technical areas. The criteria guiding the evaluation are in the Request for Proposals (RFP), which is available on www.seatoskyimprovements.ca

Once complete, the evaluation will result in the selection of a preferred team to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Sea-to-Sky Highway improvements according to a 25-year performance-based contract. Once the contract is finalized, the contractor must meet a series of safety and reliability performance standards.

The Honourable W.J. Wallace QC has been appointed as Fairness Reviewer for the competitive selection process and has complete access to every aspect of the evaluation. Upon completion of the RFP evaluation process, Justice Wallace will prepare an independent opinion regarding the fairness of the process, which will be available on www.seatoskyimprovements.ca.

Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project

The Sea-to-Sky Highway links communities from West Vancouver to Whistler. Set in a mountain landscape, the highway presents complex engineering and construction challenges. British Columbia’s Ministry of Transportation is undertaking improvements to the highway to improve its safety, capacity and reliability. By 2009, extensive highway improvements will make travel along the corridor safer for residents, commuters, goods movers and tourists.

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