



HHB selects three contractors to bid on deck replacement

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Halifax Harbour Bridges (HHB)
Selects General Contractors to Submit Proposals for
Macdonald Bridge Suspended Spans Deck Replacement

Dartmouth: After a thorough review of submissions, HHB announces the three general contractors invited to submit proposals for the Macdonald Bridge suspended spans deck replacement project:

- Aecon-Vinci Team
- American Bridge Canada Co.
- Flatiron Constructors Canada Limited

The RFP will close the end of March 2014 with the award expected to be made in mid-summer.

Project background

Halifax Harbour Bridges is embarking on a significant and necessary project beginning in early 2015: the replacement of the suspended spans of Macdonald Bridge.

The bridge remains safe but after 60 years the deck is wearing out and needs to be replaced. The project will extend the life of the bridge and reduce maintenance.

The project includes: replacing the road deck, floor beams, stiffening trusses and suspender ropes on the suspended spans of the Macdonald Bridge. When this project is complete, a significant amount of the bridge infrastructure will be new.

The bridge will be open to vehicular traffic during the day. The work will be done mostly with overnight and several weekend bridge closures over the 18-month period.

"This is the largest project we have undertaken since the MacKay Bridge was built over 40 years ago," explains Steve Snider, general manager and CEO for HHB. "It is only the second time ever that the suspended spans of a suspension bridge will be replaced overnight with traffic operating during the day. It's an exciting project to undertake and we expect to attract world-wide attention."

With almost 34 million crossings each year HHB's mission is to provide safe, efficient and reliable cross harbour transportation infrastructure at an appropriate cost.

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