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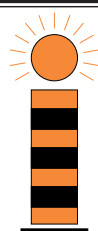
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GCAO tendering practices committee speaks out for members

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The General Contractors Association of Ottawa (GCAO) worked throughout 2010 to encourage fair tendering practices, especially by urging owners and consultants to remove unnecessary supplementary general conditions. The contractors are also concerned about owners requiring detailed breakdown and reporting requirements on fixed bid contract tenders. The association also argued for proper compensation for research and effort in preparing detailed design-bid proposals.

The GCAO outlined some of its accomplishments in its annual report.

Current president Hubie Splinter, with Graeback Construction Ltd., co-ordinated the association's tendering practices committee while he worked for Thomas Fuller Construction Company Ltd.

"In 2010 we continued to see numerous uses of onerous and superfluous supplementary general conditions and I applaud all the member firms who forwarded these to our attention and action," Splinter said in his membership report. "We need to continue to collectively stand up against their use."

The GCAO reported on several specific issues including:

Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) – Tender closing locations and public openings

"GCAO has sent numerous letters to ORC with regards to having Ottawa and region tenders valued at over \$250,000 close in Ottawa rather than in Kingston and that they be opened publicly," Splinter reported. "We have been advised that we have been successful on the first point but the second one is still under review. Tender results are posted on (the ORC) website within 24 hours of bid closing."

Bank of Canada (BOC) – Fair and open tender practices

The association had a meeting with the Bank of Canada in March, requesting that the bank "adopt a formal pre-qualification process for sizeable projects and that it follow the procedures in the CCDC 23-2005 document — "A Guide to Calling Bids and Awarding Construction Contracts."

"The GCAO strongly suggested that the BOC provide public tender opportunities."

The bank responded by noting that it was "a unique procurement agency and endeavoured to strike a balance between acting in accordance with its charter and meeting the obligations of NAFTA and the agreement on internal trade."

"Notwithstanding that, they indicated that they would review the recommendations provided by the GCAO," Splinter reported.

City of Ottawa procurement policies

"GCAO wrote to the city expressing the association's opposition to proposed changes to the purchasing by-law," Splinter's report said. "The proposed changes were (a) Firms engaged in litigation with the City of Ottawa could be prohibited from bidding on future contracts and (b) local preference would be exercised in the case of tied bids. Substantial modifications are now being considered. We will continue to follow up with the city regarding these proposed changes."

Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB) – Supplementary general conditions

"In May, the Kanata North Elementary School came out for tender; the specifications noted the contract for this project would be a CCDC 2008 with Supplementary General Conditions consisting of some 40 pages," the GCAO tendering practices committee report said. "The GCAO contacted the OCSB who readily agreed to meet to discuss our concerns." After a meeting with the GCAO, Ottawa Construction Association and Canadian Construction Association, the school board and GCAO representatives had further discussions and the OCSB issued an addendum with a revised set of supplementary general conditions "covering most of the main issues of concern."

"After the tender we have continued to meet with and at the request of the OCSB to work together to develop a set of (supplementary general conditions) that they will use going forward."

He added that the Renfrew County Catholic School Board used essentially the same set of SGCs on its Petawawa School. However, following representations from the GCAO and negotiations with the lowest bidder, the board reduced the list from 40 pages to 3 1/2 pages.

Splinter also referred to a current case with the City of Ottawa's Pickard Centre, in which the city agreed to issue addenda deleting provisions for liquidated damages and for cost break-downs at the time of tendering.

The tendering practices report includes several other discussions of projects where the association intervened to secure fairer practices.

GCAO tendering practices committee members in 2010 were: Michael Assal, Spencer Hagan, Gary Kozak and Hubie Splinter.

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Aecon, PCL and EllisDon recognized in first GCAO project awards program

STAFF WRITER

– The Ottawa Construction News

Three of Canada's largest general contractors received recognition from their peers in the first project awards program co-ordinated by the General Contractors

Association of Ottawa (GCAO).

The GCAO launched the program to showcase the contributions made by general contractors in realizing the dreams of owners and their design consultants, GCAO executive director Don Chutter said.



Alex Leung from GRC Architects with Anders Presson, Michael Assal and Lew Triemtsa of Aecon



Dave Haley and Ken Disley of EllisDon with Michael Assal



(L-R): Maureen Dougan (Canadian Museum of Nature); Irvin Heiber (PCL Constructors Canada); Michael Assal (GCAO); Barry Padolsky (PKG Joint Venture Architects); Maria Somjen, the museum's renewal project director and now with PWGSC.

Aecon Buildings received the Award of Excellence for buildings valued under \$15 million for the Ottawa Central Ambulance Communications Centre.

This design-build project is a combination of 20,000 sq. ft. renovation and a 9,000 sq. ft. of new construction and functions as the city's state-of-the-art ambulance 911 centre. "It is designed to meet post-disaster requirements and to meet LEED certification requirements," the GCAO says.

PCL Constructors Canada Inc. received the Award of Excellence for buildings valued over \$15 million for the multi-phase (and year) Victoria Memorial Building rehabilitation (The Canadian Museum of Nature) project. "The 16,000 sq. m. load-bearing stone structure is more than 100 years old," the GCAO says. "The entire building was renovated, including new foundations for a new internal steel skeleton for seismic reinforcing" with a 2,600 sq. m. addition.

EllisDon Corporation received the Don Chutter Meritorious Achievement Award in

recognition of the Montfort Hospital project's contribution to enhanced quality of life in the community. The project involved extensive renovations and the addition of 42,000 sq. ft., covering a total area of 660,000 sq. ft. The bilingual hospital is the only Francophone teaching hospital in Ontario and also serves as the Canadian Armed Forces hospital.

Past GCAO president Gary Kozak said the association received seven submissions in the buildings category. The program also has another category for recognition for infrastructure projects such as bridges and sewage treatment plants but didn't receive any entries. "We also recognize that many of our members who are smaller general contractors might favour a category of \$5 million or less, and we will review the establishment of that additional category going forward," Kozak said.

The new GCAO project awards program (this year's awards covered projects completed in 2009 and 2010) reflects similar recognition programs of the Consulting Engineers Association of Ontario and the Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA). "Some of our members have participated in the OGCA awards program who are members of both the OGCA and GCAO, notably Lundy Construction who received an award under the OGCA program," Kozak said.

Independent judges included John Westeinde (construction), Ewen Marjerrison from Genivar (engineering), Alex Rankin from GRC Architects (architecture) and Claudio Brun Del Re from the University of Ottawa (ownership).

"We are indebted to the panel of four adjudicators who – in complete privacy – ranked the entries in accordance with a long list of criteria including project management, safety, scheduling, complexity, innovations, customer satisfaction and contribution to the Ottawa area's economic, social and environmental quality of life," said GCAO executive director Don Chutter.

Outgoing president Michael Assal says he expects the awards program will operate on a bi-annual schedule, similar to the OGCA program.

Hubie Splinter new GCAO president

Hubie Splinter, the new president of the General Contractors Association of Ottawa (GCAO), says he is looking forward to his year in office, "continuing to address all members concerns, promoting fair and equitable tender practices and to continue to improve the GCAO's services."

Splinter, who recently joined Graebek Construction Ltd. after several years as vice-president with Thomas Fuller Construction Company Ltd., had served as the GCAO's first vice-president in 2010.

"Having held various board mandates during my tenure on the board of directors, I have had the pleasure of learning about how important the GCAO is to its members," Splinter said in his introductory address at the GCAO's annual general meeting in January. "Be it through providing representation for members to owners and consultants regarding tendering practices, providing compensation for non-refundable tendering document deposits,



updating members via our newsletter, organizing the golf tournament, annual general meeting and cocktail party, I have heard this many times over the years that this association is the best value for your dollar and honestly say that I agree 100 per cent."

Other 2011 GCAO directors include:

- Michael Assal, past president (Taplen Construction Inc.)
- Spencer Hagan, first vice-president (PCL Constructors Canada Inc.)
- Directors: Sean Lundy (M.P. Lundy Construction (Ontario) Ltd.); Shawn Argue (Baird Construction Management Ltd.), Josh Laginski (Fregon Construction Ltd.), Michael Nicolini (Nicolini Construction Ltd.) and Jim Tsarouhas (Tofcon Construction Inc.).

Tsarouhas is the newest board member. Eric Gaulin, from Pomerleau, had been nominated as another new board member, but he declined the nomination, so the board will need to fill the remaining vacancy later.

Outgoing directors are past president Gary Kozak and treasurer Paul McDonald. Each had served on the board for five years.

Editor's column

Mark Buckshon
President, Construction News
and Report Group of Companies



Recently, Angela Chow, our former able and resourceful office administrator, proposed to me a change in her working conditions and arrangements. Reading through her letter, I thought of how to best respond. We really couldn't meet her requests within her administrative role. Then I realized she had presented as strong a case as I've seen in recent years for her to move to the sales side of the business.

Usually sales and administrative skills are in different spaces. However, for years we've given the task of renewing listings in the **Directory of Construction Products and Services** to the person at the administrative desk. This makes sense because most renewals are straightforward and most companies renew. (Obviously this is a good sign of their value to advertisers.) The modest commission for this work has provided a top-up to the administrative person's salary and allowed our other sales representatives to focus on larger projects.

Of course, the administrative employee always had the right to seek out new as well as renewal business, but we didn't expect this to happen. Angela, however, took it on herself to bring in new business. So when she asked for a change in working conditions to allow her to work from home most of the time, unfortunately out of the scope of the administrative employee's working environment, I suggested she complete the sales evaluation.

She did, successfully, so we offered her the opportunity to co-ordinate sales for our online publications, **The Canadian Design and Construction Report (cadr.com)** and **The Design and Construction Report (dcnreport.com)**. Angela will also continue working with the directories.

Now we had another business challenge. We needed to find a new administrative employee. Fortunately, we have a pretty solid system in place for hiring anyone in our companies.

When candidates respond to our job postings, we don't really read resumes carefully. Instead, we send virtually everyone a questionnaire. For the administrative position, the questionnaire includes a few grammar and math skill-testing questions, as well as a request that the candidates confirm their references can be verified. We also describe the job in greater detail.

This system really weeds out the resumes that should not be considered and allows us to develop a short-list. The finalists are invited to come to work for a day (with pay) in place of a conventional interview. We see them at work and how they respond and interact with other employees. Then we check the finalist's references before offering an employment contract which clearly states the legal rights and obligations of both the employee and employer.

This time around, a finalist candidate passed through all the evaluation processes and reached the reference-checking stage. Unfortunately for the candidate, we could not obtain a valid, recent, arms-length reference. So we had to go back to the drawing board. The hiring process, it turned out, took more than a month.

Although sometimes businesses need to fill vacancies quickly, I tend to believe the adage you should be "slow to hire and fast to fire," with the understanding that "fast to fire" should need to occur rarely, if ever, if you hire correctly in the first place. It is good to see the business growing and I look forward to working with Emilie St. Marseille as our office administrator in the months ahead.

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Associate Publisher's viewpoint

By Jeff Melling
Associate Publisher, Ottawa Construction News



With the winter season in full swing and most people looking forward to warmer weather (and some are seeking it out down south), I decided this would be a 'good' time to move. Having sold my old place, bought and moved into my new place all within about a five-week period, and not to mention the holidays fell right in the middle of all this, I was reminded how hectic life can be.

During those five weeks, I realised how important it is to sometimes just stop, and take some time for yourself . . . unfortunately, I didn't and I suffered the consequences. Throughout December I found myself working my regular hours, coming home from the office (completing my regular tasks like walking the dog, exercising and eating when I had the chance), then spending the rest of my nights packing, organizing, finalizing paper work, etc. By the time the holidays rolled around, I was exhausted. Travelling back to Kingston to visit family was the straw that broke the camel's back. After spending three chaotic days in Kingston, I returned home and found myself with the flu and strep throat. A great way to spend my final days of holidays. Needless to say, I paid the price for three previous weeks of stress and lack of sleep.

I can definitively say that I have great respect for so-called workaholics, they show great dedication and determination. Now, don't get me wrong, I am also determined and dedicated, but I realise that there is a need to draw the line sometimes in work-life and personal life. If your personal life is spent working, is it

really a personal life? It's ok to step back once and a while and take some time for yourself and your family. I don't think anyone is going to judge you for doing so . . . that's why we have holidays!

'Selfish' doesn't have to be such a bad word. You're allowed to be selfish once and while and put your own needs before others. Making commitment after commitment trying to please other people isn't going to reduce the pressure you put on yourself or add on to your life expectancy. Your schedule shouldn't leave you exhausted at the end of the working day, without any time or energy for the things most important in your life.

Unfortunately, there is no way around the fact that everyone is going to be stressed at some point in time, some more than others. The bills aren't going to stop coming, there will never be more hours in the day, and your career and family responsibilities are still going to be there. Just remember, it's ok to say 'No' sometimes. Being able to manage your life and the stresses that come with it will allow you to lead a much more satisfying life. So take some time this year just for yourself, and you'll be able to face all of the challenges and stresses that life throws at you with without losing all of your hair.

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\$86.5M Queensway-Carleton Hospital expansion on schedule

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Work is under way on a major \$86.5 million expansion of the Queensway-Carleton Hospital.

Peter Thompson, the hospital's director of planning and facility redevelopment, says the expansion which includes a 140,000 sq.-ft. ambulatory care wing, a 15-station dialysis unit, and the renovation of 70,000 sq. ft. of existing space, will allow the hospital to more effectively serve western Ottawa's growing population.

VanBots, a division of Carillion is the general contractor, with completion scheduled for 2013.

The Queensway-Carleton Hospital is ideally suited for expansion. "We're sitting on a prime piece of property," Thompson said. We have space and we don't have legacy issues – we don't have old steam plants and old buildings in the way of logical development."

"This means it is less expensive for us to build here than it would be at other hospitals," he said.

Toronto-based Parkin Architects, which has built a reputation for major hospital development, and structural engineers Vanderwesten

Rutherford Mantecon are providing the design and engineering services. VRM, based in London, Ontario, has recently opened an Ottawa office.

Thompson said that while the general contractor and some of the design team are relatively new to the Ottawa market, he expects most of the sub trades who will work on the project will be locally based. "We are very lucky in Ottawa to have the government labs, universities, and high tech sector, so the sub trades are familiar with the type of work required for a major hospital project," he said. "We have talented and skilled trades – an advantage that many other communities don't enjoy."

Thompson says the revamped hospital will be a "post-disaster facility" built with numerous redundancies including two fuel sources for its boilers, backup emergency power and the potential for backup oxygen.



Peter Thompson



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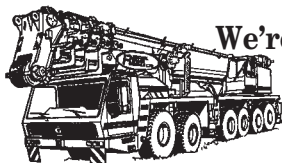
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By Karen Secord



Camp Smitty wins big time when construction industry faces off for fun

It's not often that going to work in the construction industry means playing around with your buddies and facing off against your competition. But Stantec's 13th Annual Adult Hockey Tournament in late January offered three days of heart pounding, fun-filled memory building that saw 32 teams from the ranks of the City of Ottawa, Alco Janitorial, Stantec, Goldie Mohr, Kott Lumber, Tamarack Homes, Flynn Canada Ltd., Multi Drain, Louis W. Bray Construction, R.E. Hein Construction, Valecraft Homes Ltd., R.W. Tomlinson, Convoy Supply, Ottawa Greenbelt Construction, Karson Group Clearwater Structures Inc., PCL Construction and others suit up for a good cause.



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Russ Perry of R.W. Tomlinson and Perry Crozier of Goldie Mohr. Russ had this to say about the annual event, "This is an excellent tournament. Every year it is good."



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By Karen Secord



Players from Multi-Drain were all smiles despite an early morning loss to the entry from CIMA/Smartcentres.



Quantum Murray teammates Steve Custeau, Jeff Burke and Ryan Colley discussing strategy before a big game.



The team from Valecraft Homes was 2-0 on the second day of the Stantec tournament when we spoke with goalie Mathieu Vautour before a game.



Civil engineer Greg Kent is with the City of Ottawa's traffic division on most work days, but for three days in January healthy hockey competition is his focus.



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Developers and city prepare for OMB urban boundary battle

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After many months of waiting, the development community will finally have a chance to have its say before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) regarding Ottawa's urban boundary.

The appeal is set to come before the OMB on Feb. 22 and the city believes its chances of being successful are very favourable. Not surprisingly, several builders and the GOHBA have a different perspective. Developers and the GOHBA believe the city needs at least 2,000 hectares of land to be made available for future development, compared to the city's decision to allocate only 230 hectares; even less than the city's own planners who recommended 851 hectares.

While the city argues that restraining the amount of land available for development within the urban boundary will combat urban sprawl, GOHBA executive director John Herbert and others in the development community disagree. Herbert believes the restricted ability to develop land within the urban boundary will actually encourage regional sprawl in outlying areas surrounding Ottawa.

"Thousands of people now a year are jumping to Kemptville, Arnprior, Renfrew and Quebec creating regional sprawl," Herbert says. "People in the outlying communities are paying their development charges there and not here but they're still using Ottawa's infrastructure more intensively than they ever would have before because they're commuting."



Nevertheless, city councillors went along with Ottawa mayor Jim Watson's belief in urban intensification and that little new land is needed for development in Ottawa's suburban communities; a viewpoint also expressed by the city's legal representatives.

"It's my judgement that the city's got a strong case which conforms with provincial policy and that there's no need or basis for the board to interfere with that," said Bruce

Engell of Weir and Foulds LLP who has been hired as outside counsel for the city.

Initially the future of the appeal was in question amongst members of council. At the Jan. 18 briefing, they seemed to be second-guessing the earlier council's decision.

However, these concerns did not cause the current council to reconsider the past council's decision. Council decided by a vote of 22 to 1 to receive the reports presented to them at council on Jan. 26 and to

move forward with the phase one hearing endorsing the expansion of the boundary by only 230 hectares.

"I think we're doing the right thing in standing by the last council's decision," said Barrhaven Ward councillor Jan Harder.

She was in favour of expanding the boundary further when the initial vote was taken back in 2009 but said that after a lengthy discussion at the Planning Committee on Jan. 25, both in and out of camera, she felt confident in staff's reasoning and in the city's position.

The phase one hearing will focus on whether or not the urban boundary should be extended past the 230 hectares endorsed by council or whether it should expand beyond that.

The second phase will only be necessary if the OMB decides in favour of extending the boundary beyond council's recommendation. That section of the hearing will decide which lands will be included.

The main arguments question brought forward by the appellants, including the GOHBA, questions the numbers the city is using for its assessment.

"My understanding is that the biggest components of the differences between what the experts say lie in four pieces. One is the horizon, 15 to 20 years... the second component is the housing propensities... the third is how much intensification is happening and the fourth is what is the population forecast," said Engell at the councillors' briefing.

The GOHBA, who will be represented

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Something's got to give:

GOHBA working to repair the relationship between developers and residents

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Over the past few years the relationships between developers and the communities in which they want to build have deteriorated. They are at the point where developers are often portrayed as the villain, which is not the case, the GOHBA believes.

The push for intensification and unclear City of Ottawa policies have led to confusion for both the home builders and the community. This has led to the often adversarial relationship between the two groups.

GOHBA executive director John Herbert believes the situation began in 2003 when intensification and smart growth first became a goal of the City of Ottawa's Official Plan.

Over the next couple of years relationships between residents and developers really started to decline due to confusion over what could be built where.

"The developers and builders didn't know and the residents had no idea that this whole thing called intensification even existed," said Herbert.

Developers attempting to abide by the new intensification policy came forward with plans for developments and communities were caught off-guard and blamed the developers but not the policy itself.

The biggest reason for the uncertainty, according to Herbert, is that when the Official Plan adopted intensification as an objective, the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw was not changed to conform to the policy. This meant developers had to apply for rezonings themselves just to comply with their city's new policy.

"Right now we're taking as much of a shot in the dark as to what could be proposed in the neighbourhood as the resident's assessment of what might happen," said Herbert. "We still believe that in the long term a new Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw is the only solution to this problem."

The developers' frustration over the in-

consistency and lack of education is a feeling that is echoed by Gary Ludington, chair of the Westboro Community Association. The area he represents has been heavily targeted for intensification. He feels his community is tired of reading the city's Official Plan and its zoning one way only to find it interpreted differently by planning staff.

"I think one of the major things that has to happen is that the language of the city's Official Plan and zoning bylaw needs to be understood by everybody," he said. "I have asked a number of developers over time what they see the zoning bylaw as, which is basically putting into effect the Official Plan. Most of them have agreed that they see it as a starting point. Residents, however, see it as the maximum. How do we fix that?"

Alta Vista Councillor Peter Hume, chair of Ottawa's Planning Committee, agrees that the way in which intensification is implemented needs to change.

"We as the politicians have let the developers do the dirty work. We set policies but we don't make sure our zoning conforms to that. Rather than do the work ourselves we let the developers do that and as a result, they get all the bad reputation," he said.

He wants to see the city undertake a process to bring the zoning of properties into line with current city policies. He calls the process pre-zoning which would mean developers would no longer have to apply to rezone a site in order to conform because the site would already be appropriately zoned.

"It's not (a process) that's going to be done over night. What we have got to do is establish priority areas and go through our Official Plan and make sure our zoning bylaw matches up with them," said Hume.

Hume believes fixing that conflict would go a long way in mending the relationship between residents and developers, but he also cautioned that it is not the only step that needs to be taken.

"They need to show that they're interested in building sustainable communities.

Right now the impression is they just want to build houses and get out of there," said Hume.

Ludington is sceptical but willing to give developers a chance to improve their reputation. However, he believes there needs to be more of an opportunity for meaningful input from residents and people need to see that developers and councillors are willing to give credence to their concerns.

"It would be great if we could all work together for the benefit of all. How much of that will be achieved in the next four years will be an interesting goal to strive for," said Ludington.

Hume, like Herbert, thinks that education will also be a necessary part of ending the current conflict. Hume believes that councillors will also need to be willing to

defend city policies and explain why certain developments go forward.

"There's a fair dose of courage that's required on behalf of politicians to deliver the facts of the situation," he said.

It's statements such as these, coming from Hume and other councillors the GOHBA has met with, that offer a source of hope for all the association's members.

"We are very optimistic as to what can be achieved if this council is able to deliver on their promises," he said.

Herbert believes the members of the GOHBA just want to be able to do their jobs while still helping Ottawa and its neighbourhoods to flourish.

"We are huge contributor to society. We don't just build houses, we build cities and communities," he said.

Boundary battle

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by a team of lawyers from Soloway Wright, led by Alan Cohen at the appeal, believes that the current amount of land set aside to extend the boundary is insufficient.

In addition to concern about leapfrogging beyond the city limits, John Herbert says that the majority of the land the city has characterised as vacant and developable within the boundary is actually not available.

"What they're missing is that the people who own that land don't want to sell it. Land is only available if somebody wants to sell it," said Herbert.

Some of these arguments did concern councillors including Innes Ward councillor Rainer Bloess. He believes that the city's arguments could be stronger if they adopted staff's initial recommendation of 851 hectares.

"Even though the premise is that we're in sync with our legal staff we really aren't. We're dealing with two different planning horizons and I think the appellants will be picking at that in the submissions they've made and their statements," he said. "When we are out of sync with our staff, we don't always do that well."

Bloess, the only councillor to vote against the reports before council, did allude that he would bring forward a motion to expand the boundary to the 851 hectares if the reports were not received. Tim Marc, senior legal counsel for the city, cautioned the councillor that such a change would not significantly affect the appeal.

"We have had no indication from any of the appellants that they would be willing to settle at 851," he said.

The GOHBA believes it has a strong case, and would have continued fighting for an expanded boundary even if the council had set the limit at 851 hectares, since many members believe the boundary needs to be even bigger in order to sustain the city's growth.

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Building code review: Challenges for the residential sector

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The provincial government has wrapped up consultations in the first round of its building code review, but the date when the second round will begin is still unknown.

The residential construction sector is concerned that some proposals in the first stage of consultations were unnecessary and could harm the industry, while within the ICI sector, there don't appear to be any specific proposals that are drawing widespread outrage or praise.

For the first time, there will be more than one round of consultations. In the first round, the public was asked to give their input on some 450 suggestions, which aren't necessarily based on government policies, said Alek Antoniuk, manager of the code development unit at the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The timing of the update is based on the model national code. "Every time we anticipate an update, we first check what's happening with national level. The majority of these code amendment proposals are ingrained from the proposed changes that are proposed in model building code," he explained.

Other proposals are taken from the suggestions given by building code users, such as homeowners, builders, building officials, fire officials, contractors, developers, and manufacturers.

"We encourage building code users in Ontario to let us know if they feel it should be amended" due to factors like changes in technology, Antoniuk said. "We also got a considerable number of proposals from homeowners as well, this time around."

The consultation, which took place from October to November of last year, was web-based. A policy document containing all the changes was posted on the website, and the public was invited to give their input. There were over 1,200 responses, Antoniuk said.

Dave Henderson, director of industry relations at the Ontario Home Builders' Association, said the industry didn't have

enough time to comment.

"The first one, which began in the fall, was sort of express. It happened so fast that I think it caught many industry experts off guard. We had to review a lot of material in a short amount of time. We've noticed that as critical factor in the consultations so far," he said. "We've been monitoring and commenting."

Several specific changes have caused concern in residential building sector, he said, particularly new regulations about fire and spatial separation. "That's probably as large a change as we've ever seen. It appears benign, but it has huge implications for our industry."

One proposal suggests that to protect houses on narrow side lots – like those found in most of southern Ontario – from fire, builders can use exterior gypsum sheathing.

"There have been no studies to see what the implication of hanging heavy gypsum on a lightweight frame is. What kind of fasteners are expected to be used?" asked Henderson.

The proposals seem to be bringing up many questions but no answers, he said.

"Another proposal is regarding soffit venting. That's primarily where most attic ventilation comes from," Henderson explained, noting that there is now a proposal saying that the vents have to be covered up. "The industry is concerned that would lead to rotting roofs. There doesn't seem to be the building science to say if you do this, you will not (suffer) other consequences."

Antoniuk explained that the increased fire protection proposals were due to some fires that had spread from building to building in Alberta, and that the national code was changed in response.

"Builders are very concerned because they said Ontario has different ways of building, and that past experience (has shown that the changes) are not necessary in Ontario, so that was a controversial one," said Antoniuk.

Henderson noted the proposed code revisions include a number of small changes and additions that would be helpful to the industry.

"They added a number of editorial changes that look minor, but it cleans up misinterpretation of the code and that's always a good thing. Sometimes, it's just a matter of editing a sentence, but it can make all the difference in the world."

On the ICI side of things, David Zurawel, vice-president, policy and government relations at the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, said he personally hadn't heard of anything that was of particular concern, but that COCA has staff members devoted to the code review.

The Ontario General Contractors Association is monitoring the process, said OGCA president Clive Thurston, who will also be participating through an advisory committee.

He is concerned about the new requirements on green energy and accessibility, and added: "the interesting thing this year, is that there seems to be an attempt to introduce social engineering into the code when it's supposed to be about building, so we will be watching very closely."

Right now, Antoniuk said, committees are reviewing the proposals and feedback, and slowly reporting back to the government.

The second round of consultations has not begun yet. While the first round was based on individual proposals, the second

one will be more themed, Antoniuk said, focusing on areas like energy conservation.

"We haven't received directions to proceed with the consultations yet, but they are expected to follow the same pattern," he said.

According to the ministry website, the second round of consultations will "focus on a number of key Building Code areas where potential changes are still undergoing development."

The areas include the use of wood in construction, greenhouse gas and pollutant reduction, energy and water conservation, accessibility for people with disabilities and "the potential consolidation and rationalization of Ontario construction standards."

Antoniuk said that this round of consultations was much more open than previous ones.

"This time around, we listened much more...we took the code proposals that users submitted and consulted them more than we did in the past, because some are quite controversial, but we decided to give them an airing. We encouraged people to submit proposals and followed through by consulting."



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52 Rochelle Dr.	Upper Canada Building Services	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$300,000.00	1009026	Urbandale Construction	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$146,500.00	1008916	
2353 Dwyer Hill Rd.	Prospect Builders Ltd.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$300,000.00	1009064	Urbandale Construction	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$144,820.00	1008917	
221 Caberelle Pl.	Contractor	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$300,000.00	1009126	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$143,180.00	1008982	
292 Broxburn Cres.	Uniform Urban Developments Ltd.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$291,540.00	1008755	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$143,180.00	1009055	
160 Bufflehead Way	Tartan Homes Corporation	2 sty., semi-det. sfd with att. gar.	\$283,045.00	1008770	Urbandale Construction	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$141,555.00	1008700	
400 Cooper St.	TBD	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$279,390.00	1008711	Tamarack Developments Corporation	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$140,060.00	1009027	
417 Landswood Way	Bulat Homes Ltd.	Tenant fit-up	\$278,103.00	1008805	Grizzly Homes	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$140,000.00	1009124	
368 Laughlin Circ.	Urbandale Construction	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$270,287.00	1008774	Urbandale Construction	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$139,860.00	1009089	
162 Riverside Cres.	Urbandale Construction	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$267,460.00	1008772	Mattamy Development Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$138,420.00	1008681	
217 Churchill Ave. N.	TBD	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$254,775.00	1009111	TBD	Tenant fit-up	\$137,000.00	1008844	
179 Riverside Cres.	TBD	2 sty. semi-det. sfd	\$251,325.00	1009043	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$136,320.00	1008980	
7229 Evening Shadow Ave.	Urbandale Construction	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$250,425.00	1008890	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$136,320.00	1009053	
1600 James Neasmith Dr.	Contractor	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$250,000.00	1008699	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$135,270.00	1008984	
65A Bowhill Ave.	TBD	HVAC upgrade	\$250,000.00	1008926	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$135,270.00	1009054	
150 Tunney's Pasture Drwy.	TBD	Fire restoration - carport	\$250,000.00	1008934	Richcraft Homes Ltd.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$131,730.00	1008762	
200 Espin Hgts.	Terlin Construction	Upgrade washrooms	\$250,000.00	1008936	Source Four Construction Ltd.	Tenant fit-up	\$129,182.97	1009018	
323 Silent Wood Gvn.	Tamarack Developments Corporation	2 sty., semi-det. sfd with att. gar.	\$249,820.00	1008811	Mattamy Development Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$126,241.00	1008673	
806 Azure St.	Contractor	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$247,575.00	1008866	TBD	Add to sfd	\$125,000.00	1008931	
588 Booth St.	Tamarack Developments Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$246,040.00	1009004	Tamarack Developments Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$122,073.00	1009005	
131 Bren-Maur Rd.	TBD	Int. alt. to comm. bldg.	\$241,945.77	1008710	TBD	Tenant fit-up	\$121,875.00	1008880	
125 Bren-Maur Rd.	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$241,490.00	1008997	Mattamy Development Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$120,696.00	1008885	
149 Bren-Maur Rd.	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$240,510.00	1008986	Tamarack Developments Corporation	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$120,111.00	1008672	
1805 Corkery Rd.	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$240,160.00	1009001	Tamarack Developments Corporation	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$120,110.00	1008668	
127 Bren-Maur Rd.	Contractor	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$240,000.00	1008863	Tamarack Developments Corporation	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$120,110.00	1008670	
533 Osmand Daley Dr.	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$239,600.00	1008985	Tamarack Developments Corporation	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$120,110.00	1008675	
47 Iona St.	Metric Homes	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$239,250.00	1008624	Tamarack Developments Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$120,110.00	1008682	
509 Katnick Way	Waik Development	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$238,167.86	1009085	TBD	Tenant fit-up	\$120,000.00	1008651	
129 Bren-Maur Rd.	Urbandale Construction	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$237,040.00	1008958	TBD	Add to sfd	\$120,000.00	1009104	
145 Bren-Maur Rd.	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$232,250.00	1008999	TBD	Tenant fit-up	\$115,000.00	1008849	
133 Bren-Maur Rd.	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$231,970.00	1009060	Tamarack Developments Corporation	1 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$111,360.00	1008674	
143 Bren-Maur Rd.	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$228,890.00	1008988	Tamarack Developments Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$111,360.00	1008702	
203 Gracewood Cres.	Minto Communities Inc.	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$224,970.00	1008999	Minto Communities Inc.	Repair fire damage to sfd	\$106,680.00	1008747	
191 Gracewood Cres.	Tartan Homes Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$223,195.00	1008738	TBD	Add to sfd	\$105,925.00	1008756	
712 Wrangler Circ.	Tamarack Developments Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$221,400.00	1008664	TBD	Tenant fit-up	\$102,906.00	1009116	
4064 Caracourt Dr.	Tamarack Developments Corporation	2 sty. sfd with att. gar.	\$221,400.00	1008798	Contractor	Add to sfd	\$100,000		

Reno show success provides optimism for industry

STAFF WRITER – The Ottawa Construction News

While GOHBA member renovators continue to be concerned about the implication of high taxes and the impact of the underground economy on their industry, contractors and suppliers participating in the 2011 Home Renovations Show at Lansdowne Park observed much more interest than the previous year.

"Things went extremely well" at the three day show January 21 to 23, said Ian Forsyth of Caneast Shows. "Overall attendance was up by 29 per cent with Saturday being a particularly strong day."

Volunteers distributed several thousand copies of Ottawa Renovates, GOHBA membership directories and other literature. "We handed out all of our promotional material," said GOHBA membership services manager Heather-Ann Duguay.

GOHBA Renovations' Council membership also increased significantly in the past year, as renovators have discovered the value of the RenoMark program. Several association members are participating in an extensive RenoMark radio campaign promotion.

Meanwhile, as the deadline for the spring issue of **Ottawa Renovates** approaches, GOHBA Impact! and Ot-

tawa Renovates co-ordinator Mark Buckshon is preparing for a special presentation on marketing to the GOHBA Renovators' Council on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

"I'll explore some really inexpensive and truly effective marketing ideas," Buckshon said. Buckshon's book, *Construction Marketing Ideas: Practical strategies and resources to attract and retain profitable clients for your architectural, engineering and construction business*, has been read by hundreds since its publication in May 2010, including contractors throughout the U.S. and Canada as well as Europe, Australia, France, Poland and even Kazakhstan.

For information on the Reno Council meeting, check with Shirley Morrison-Hawes at 613-723-2926 or email info@gohba.ca.



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20 years of challenges, opportunities and adventures – and hundreds of bridges and infrastructure projects



STAFF WRITER – The Ottawa Construction News Special Feature

Wojciech Remisz has seen his share of challenges, opportunities, and adventures over the two decades he has spent building a successful consulting engineering practise.

He and his staff have designed, reviewed and suggested creative construction solutions for hundreds of bridges and infrastructure projects since REMISZ Consulting Engineers Ltd. opened in late 1990.

However, the story behind REMISZ can be told on several levels; from Wojciech's ability to surmount the odds as a Polish engineer exiled outside the Iron Curtain in the early 1980s to the more recent recession, when the consulting practice's business virtually dried up and he faced tough choices in keeping the business intact and his employee team together.

Among interesting current projects, REMISZ engineers are working on the major rehabilitation of the Rockcliffe Parkway retaining walls and (with landscape architecture design firm Corush Sunderland Wright), the firm is co-ordinating engineering work for the escarpment rehabilitation at the Prime Minister's Residence at 24 Sussex Drive.

"We've also worked on almost all of the bridges of Highway 416, starting from the Richmond Road Interchange in Ottawa all the way to the Highway 416/401 Interchange," Remisz said. "We also worked on major bridges along the Trans Canada Highway in Northern Ontario."



Other projects include acting as design reviewer for repairs to the CN Tower radome, special purpose 'blast walls' at the Waterloo airport and the Ottawa International Airport, and certifying special 'seismic isolation bearings' for several Ontario bridge projects.

"We have inspected, evaluated or checked as an expert on almost all major bridge projects in the Ottawa area – with more than 200 major bridge projects province wide" and as a subconsultant to a major Quebec engineering firm, prepared

the new design for two big bridges and three long span culverts for the Highway A35, between Montreal and New York," he said.

These accomplishments are both a great distance from – and extremely close – to Wojciech's childhood in Poland, where he grew up under the Communist administration in an engineering family. He still has books used by his father, also a structural engineer, in his office and sometimes finds the references helpful in his current practice.

In the early 1980s, during the Solidarity period, Poland's borders opened in a breach of then then-strict Iron Curtain – and he sought opportunity in Rome, Italy, where he planned to work temporarily as an engineer for a construction company. Then, the then-Communist government under Soviet influence clamped-down and resealed the borders. Wojciech found himself isolated and unable to communicate with his family including his parents, siblings and wife and a young son.

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"I went to the Canadian embassy in Rome and they granted me an immigration visa," he said. He headed, alone, to Montreal and then Ottawa. Wojciech wasn't penniless – he had been earning good money while in Rome – but nevertheless, he had an uphill battle to master the English language and obtain the necessary professional qualifications to work in Canada.

He took odd jobs and set out to obtain Canadian qualifications, saving money by walking from an apartment on Chapel Street to Carleton University in the evenings, when he could access the computer lab. About a year after arriving in Canada, and with his savings from Italy running low, he obtained a job with the RMOC as a structural evaluation engineer.



He brought his family to Canada in 1983, before the Iron Curtain collapsed in the late 1980s, and began rising through the ranks in the municipal government as he achieved his full Ontario P. Eng. qualifications.

Wojciech's bosses assigned him the responsibility to review and co-ordinate the rehabilitation of historical bridges including the Cummings Bridge, and the Bank Street Canal Bridge near Lansdowne Park.

"It came to the point when I was about to be promoted again, to the Engineer V level, and it broke my heart," he said. "The position I would take would be political, not technical. I wanted to do the work, not talk about the work."

"I didn't want to be the cog in someone else's system," he said. "I wanted to put my own name on the projects and make my own decisions."

Remisz says contractors in the private sector suggested he make the leap to independence.

"I was encouraged to leave the city by a few general contractors who said: 'You don't belong to the city. If you leave the city on your own, we'll support you somehow, we'll help you out.'"

They gave him the early jobs to support the fledgling business and allow him to prove his abilities.

These include an ability to discern the best way to solve challenging engineering problems. For example, when general contractors or owners select his practice for rehabilitation projects, REMISZ will use innovative techniques to reduce costs significantly without sacrificing safety, seismic standards or environmental requirements.

"My weakness is my strength," Remisz says. "I'm not an architect or an artist looking forward – I'm a detective looking back. I can reconstruct 'why did it happen', investigate, complete forensic analysis, and reconstruct accidents – and learn from the problems."

As an example, he figured out how to conduct the rehabilitation of the 1000 Islands Bridge over the St. Lawrence River without demolishing the roadway: The solution, build a "second bridge" under the main span so the work crews could make the repairs, leap-frogging across the river.

This solution saved the project's general contractor more than \$1 million – and al-

lowed the bridge reconstruction to proceed with minimum traffic disruption.

However, like most stories in business and life, the real story of REMISZ Consulting Engineers Ltd. has its downs as well as ups. These challenging moments show Wojciech's character and values.

When recessions and cut-backs blasted through the economy several times in the past two decades, his practice has felt the pain, most recently during the challenging 2008-2009 recession.

"I realize that not too many engineering practices survive 20 years as independent businesses; they might go bankrupt or be taken over," he said.

"A year ago, (during the recession) I called everyone together and said 'we will do what we have to do to support each other' and we held together – and we didn't lay off anybody."

REMISZ Consulting Engineers Ltd. supports community projects and initiatives, including the National Arts Centre Foundation. Most significantly, and remembering his past, Wojciech will hire competent foreign-trained engineers as they prepare to obtain Canadian certification. He has hired engineers from Poland, Belarus, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Nepal, Albania, Italy, Scotland, India, Peru, Lithuania, Palestine, and Hong Kong.

Wojciech has received recognition as a Fellow of Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (FCSCE) "in recognition of his excellence in engineering and for services rendered to his profession and to Canada."

REMISZ Consulting Engineers Ltd. has a simple motto: **"Professional Services Provided with Care, Competence and Integrity that Deliver Practical Solutions to Complex Problems."**

Along with the motto is another expression: **"REMISZ has a strong team of experienced and dedicated professional engineers, technical, as well as support staff that are known for their honesty and professional integrity. You can count on them."**

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ITEM: Louvers (Replace) 209629
201100404686 v2
(209629)

Action stage: Bidding
1200 Montreal Road
OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON)
K1A 0R6 CAN
* **Bid date:** 01/21/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST
Valuation: *C

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build
Target start date: 01/01/2011

Owner class: Local Government
Project type: Testing/Research/Development Lab.
Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 01/10/2011

Prior publish date: 01/10/2011

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION

Item Code: Windows-Undsgnd.

Item Category: WINDOWS/SKYLIGHT.

Status: Bid date extended from January 18 - Bids to Owner

by January 21 at 2:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Published date: 01/11/2011

Submit bids to: Owner (Public)

Consultant: **MERX**, Customer Support P.O. Box 65059 Ot-

tawa, ON K2G 5Y3 (CAN) , Phone:800-964-6379, Fax:888-

235-5800, E-mail:merx@merx.com,

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Engineer: **Leibe Engineering**, Ralph Leibe 22 Antares

Drive Nepean, ON K2E 7Z6 (CAN) , Phone:613-723-7765

Owner (Public): **National Research Council**, Diane Perkins

(Tender Contact), 1200 Montreal Road Building M-58 Ot-

tawa, ON K1A 0R6 (CAN), Phone:613-993-0569, Fax:613-

998-5701, E-mail:diane.perkins@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca Email ID :

diane.perkins@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars -

Mandatory site visits were scheduled for January 4 and 6 at

9 AM - A non-mandatory site visit is scheduled for January

14 at 9 AM

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

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ITEM: Cladding/Window/Stairs (Repairs/Replacement)

PR210569 201100403915 v1

First issue bid stage IND-Y:

(PR210569)

Action stage: Bidding

1200 Montreal Road

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON)

CAN

* **Bid date:** 01/21/2011 @ 10:00 AM EST

Valuation: A

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 02/01/2011

Owner class: Private

Project type: Apartments/Condominiums 1-3 Stories.

Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 01/07/2011

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION

Item Code: Carpentry Work. Window Hardware. Windows-

Metal-Install.

Item Category: CARPENTRY/MILLWORK.

WINDOWS/SKYLIGHT. WINDOWS/SKYLIGHT.

Status: Bids to Owner by January 21 at 10:00 AM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Published date: 01/07/2011

Submit bids to: Owner (Private)

Consultant: **MERX**, Customer Support P.O. Box 65059 Ot-

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Engineer: **Halsall Associates Limited**, Albert Celli (Engi-

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Phone:613-237-2462, Fax:613-237-2935, E-

mail:ottawa@halsall.com, URL:http://www.halsall.com

Owner (Private): **Ottawa Community Housing Corpora-**

tion, Garry Donovan (Project Manager), 731 Chapel Street

Ottawa, ON K1N 1E1 (CAN) , Phone:613-731-7223,

Fax:613-738-7637, E-mail:Garry_Donovan@och.ca,

URL:http://www.och.ca

Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars - A pre-

bid meeting was scheduled for January 6 at 10 AM

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Items: Cladding repairs - window and wood stair replace-

ment at Tapiola Court

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CBSA Modular Range Infrastructure PW-SFG-345-52796

201100407851 v1

First issue bid stage IND-Y:

(PW-SFG-345-52796)

Action stage: GC Bidding

Lettrind Rd/Bowesville Rd, Ottawa Intl Airport

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON)

CAN

* **Bid date:** 02/08/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST

Valuation: F

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 02/01/2011

Owner class: Federal

Project type: Airline Terminal. Aircraft Sales/Service.

Report type: Project

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 01/14/2011

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Status: GC Bids to Owner by February 8 at 2:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Published date: 01/14/2011

Submit bids to: Owner (Public)

Architect: **Erskine Dredge & Associates Architects, Inc.**,

Gord Erskine (Principal, Architect), 25 Holland Avenue, Ste.

100 Ottawa, ON K1Y 4R9 (CAN), Phone:613-724-9865,

Fax:613-724-9862, E-mail:otto-erskine@ott-erskine.com,

URL:www.ed-arch.com

Consultant: **MERX**, Customer Support P.O. Box 65059 Ot-

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Canada, Shawn Nealon (Purchasing), 11 Laurier Place du

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Phone:819-956-3391, Fax:819-956-8335, E-

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Email ID : shawn.nealon@tpsgc-pwpsc.gc.ca

Structural Engineer: **Cleland Jarline Engineering Ltd.**,

Reception 580 Terry Fox Drive Suite #200 Kanata, ON K2L

4B9 (CAN) , Phone:613-591-1533, Fax:613-591-1703, E-

mail:mail@clelandjarline.com

Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars -

DOCOATT1 - A site visit is scheduled for January 25 at 10

AM

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Addenda receive date: AN/ 2-1/3

Additional features: Canadian Border Services Agency mod-

ular range infrastructure installations - concrete work - fence

installation - mechanical and electrical

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Item: Talo Building Accessibility Upgrades PR210333

201000721940 v3

(PR210333)

Action stage: GC Bidding

170 Tunney's Pasture Driveway

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON)

K1A 0T6 CAN

* **Bid date:** 01/11/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST

Valuation: *B

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 01/01/2011

Owner class: Federal

Project type: Office.

Report type: Project

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/22/2010

Prior publish date: 01/05/2011

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Status: Bid date extended from January 10 - GC Bids to

Owner's Agent by January 11 at 2:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Published date: 01/10/2011

Submit bids to: Owner's Agent (Pu)

Architect: **Atelier 292 Architecture & Design**, Pawel Fiet

(Architect), 292 Main St Ottawa, ON K1S 1E1 (CAN) ,

Phone:613-291-7107, Fax:613-234-3176, E-

mail:pfielt@atelier292.com,

URL:http://www.atelier292.com

Consultant: **MERX**, Customer Support P.O. Box 65059 Ot-

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Owner's Agent (Public): **SNC-Lavalin O&M**, Steven Plan-

nerney (Project Mgr), 0401-150 Tunney's Pasture Driv Main

Statistics Bldg Ottawa, ON K1A 0T6 (CAN) , Phone:613-

894-3638, Fax:613-567-3178, E-

mail:steven.flannery@snc-lavalin.com,

URL:http://www.snc-lavalin.com/en/Home.aspx

Email ID : sflannery@snc-lavalinprofa.com

Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars - A

mandatory site visit is scheduled for December 23 at 10 AM

Bonds: 10% Bid Bond. 50% Performance Bond. 50% Pay-

ment Bond.

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Additional features: Common areas accessibility upgrades

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Macdonald Cartier Data Centre (Alts) PW-SFG-207-52725

201100403779 v2

(PW-SFG-207-52725)

Action stage: GC Bidding

1600 Tom Roberts Road

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON)

K1V 1E6 CAN

* **Bid date:** 01/27/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST

Valuation: *I

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 02/01/2011

Owner class: Federal

Project type: Office.

Report type: Project

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 01/07/2011

Prior publish date: 01/07/2011

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Status: GC bidders added - GC Bids to Owner by January 27

at 2:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Published date: 01/11/2011

Submit bids to: Owner (Public)

Consultant: **MERX**, Customer Support P.O. Box 65059 Ot-

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Type of Work: Alterations

Status: Previously reported - Low Bidder - Award possible in 2 weeks - Bid November 9

Status project delivery system: Design/Build

Publication date: 12/23/2010

Submit bids to: Owner (Public)

Consultant: **MERX**, Customer Support P.O. Box 65059 Ottawa, ON K2G 5Y3 (CAN), Phone:800-964-6379, Fax:888-235-5800, E-mail:merx@merx.com, URL:http://www.merx.com

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Owner (Public): **Canadian Food Inspection Agency**, Fern Corriveau (Contract Authority), 40 Camelot Drive 2nd Floor, Room 2047 Ottawa, ON K1A 0Y9 (CAN), Phone:613-221-5218, Fax:613-228-2545, E-mail:fern.corriveau@inspection.gc.ca Email ID : fern.corriveau@inspection.gc.ca

Notes: C1CN02 - Cost in Canadian dollars

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: Y

Plan IND: Y

Spec IND: Y

Plan available IND: N

Addenda film date: 11/03/2010

Addenda receive date: C1T/2-20-0

Additional features: Design and construction for renovation and upgrade to two laboratory modules to accommodate a Plant Pest Containment Level 3 facility at the existing CFIA Ottawa Laboratory

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*CSEC Headquarters (Phase II) (DESIGN/BUILD/ FINANCE/MAIN) 182266 200900547315 v8 (182266)

Action stage: Construction Documents

Ogilvie & Blair Rd

Ottawa, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) CAN

* Bid date:

Valuation: 880,000,000

* Project delivery system: Design/Build

* Target start date: *03/01/2011

* Target complete date: *07/01/2014

Owner class: Federal

Source of funding: PPP

*Project type: Office. Parking Garage, Military Facility.

Communication Building.

Report type: Project

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 05/26/2009

Prior publish date: 12/23/2010

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: New Project

Status: Contract awarded for Design/Build/Finance/Maintain Services - Target March 2011 construction start - July 31 - 2014 completion

Special conditions: LEED Intended Gold

Status project delivery system: Design/Build

Publication date: 01/11/2011

Submit bids to: General Contractor

Architect: **P.C.L. Constructors**, (Project Manager), 57 Aurora Drive NEPEAN, ON K2E 8B2 (CAN), Phone:613-225-6130, Fax:613-225-6176 Ted Cook VP District Manager Design-Build Contractor

Consultant: **MERX**, Customer Support P.O. Box 65059 Ottawa, ON K2G 5Y3 (CAN), Phone:800-964-6379, Fax:888-235-5800, E-mail:merx@merx.com, URL:http://www.merx.com

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Lessee/Franchisee: **Communications Security Establishment Canada**, Adrian Simpson (Media/Public Affairs), P.O. Box 9703 Ottawa, ON K1G 3Z4 (CAN), Phone:613-991-7600

Owner (Public): **Defence Construction Canada**, Martin Cukierman (Contracting Officer), 350 Albert Street-Suite 1900 Constitution Square Ottawa, ON K1A 0K3 (CAN), Phone:613-991-5227, Fax:613-998-9547, E-mail: martin.cukierman@dcc-cdc.gc.ca, URL:http://www.dcc-cdc.gc.ca

Email ID : martin.cukierman@dcc-cdc.gc.ca

Owner-Build/Developer/Private: **Plenary Group**, Rebecca McIvor suite 1510 - 181 Bay St PO Box 860 Toronto, ON M5J 2T3 (CAN), Phone:416-309-2200, Fax:416-309-2201, E-mail:rebecca.mcivor@plenarygroup.com, URL:http://plenarygroup.com

Notes: C1CN02 - cost estimated in Canadian currency Note:

See related Phase 1 DR200800737408. This project also appeared under DR200900543204. That report has been removed from our database. All further information on this project will appear under this report number. Public Private Partnership with Plenary Group private consortium

*Plans available from: *General Contractor

Addenda IND: Y

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: Y

Structural information: 7 Buildings/ 72,000 Total square meter/ Building Frame: Structural Steel

Additional features: Communications Security Establishment Canada headquarters - 36 hectare greenfield site - DBFM of office & special purpose space + maintenance for 30 years beginning in 2015 - Security Clearances required & recommended to be obtained prior to RFQ & RFP stages - Seven building compound - 800 car parking facility

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RFQ/GC: Orleans Cumberland Collector Pumping Station 1521091345Q01 201100400829 v2 (1521091345Q01)

Action stage: Bidding, Construction Documents

RO Pickard Environmental, Centre

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) CAN

* Bid date: 01/19/2011 @ 03:00 PM EST

Valuation: *J

* Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

* Target start date: 03/01/2011

Owner class: Local Government

Project type: Sewage Treatment Plant.

Report type: Project

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 01/04/2011

Prior publish date: 01/04/2011

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: New Project

Status: Closing date extended from January 12 - Owner re-requests Pre-qualifications from General Contractors by January 19 at 3:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publication date: 01/12/2011

Submit bids to: Owner (Public)

Architect: **City of Ottawa Supply Management Division RMOC**, Nancy Albert ext 25177 (Purchasing Officer), 100 Constellation Crescent 4th Floor - West Tower Ottawa, ON K2G 6J8 (CAN), Phone:613-580-2424, Fax:613-560-2126, E-mail:nancy.albert@ottawa.ca, URL:http://www.ottawa.ca

Owner (Public): **City of Ottawa Supply Management Division RMOC**, Nancy Albert ext 25177 (Purchasing Officer), 100 Constellation Crescent 4th Floor - West Tower Ottawa, ON K2G 6J8 (CAN), Phone:613-580-2424, Fax:613-560-2126, E-mail:nancy.albert@ottawa.ca, URL:http://www.ottawa.ca

Notes: NTCN03 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars

Plans available from: Owner (Public)

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Structural information: 1 Building/ 1 Story above grade / 0 Story below grade / 200 Total square meter / Building Frame: Wall Bearing

Additional features: Construction of a deep sanitary pumping station wet well - deep sewer diversion chamber - deep connecting tunnel - configuration estimated

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*The Bess & Moe Greenberg Family Hill Lodge (Alts) 9129100 201000721168 v3 (9129100)

* Action stage: *Construction Documents

10 Naldonby Sachs Private

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) K2A 4G7 CAN

* Bid date: 01/07/2011 @ 03:00 PM EST

Valuation: 4,500,000

* Project delivery system: *Construction Management Agency

* Target start date: 03/01/2011

Owner class: Private

Project type: Elderly/Assisted Living.

Report type: Project

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/21/2010

Prior publish date: 12/22/2010

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Status: Pre-qualifications from Construction Managers of January 7 closed - January 2011 RFP anticipated - March 2011 construction start anticipated

Status project delivery system: Construction Management Agency

Publication date: 01/07/2011

Submit bids to: Owner (Private)

Architect: **Hillel Lodge**, Elizabeth Richard (Project Contact), 10 Naldonby Sachs Private Ottawa, ON K2A 1L9 (CAN), Phone:613-728-3900, Fax:613-728-6550

Owner (Private): **Hillel Lodge**, Elizabeth Richard (Project Contact), 10 Naldonby Sachs Private Ottawa, ON K2A 1L9 (CAN), Phone:613-728-3900, Fax:613-728-6550

Notes: C1CN02 - Cost in Canadian dollars

Plans available from: Owner (Private)

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Additional features: Tenant fit-up of 21 Long Term Care beds - Resident home area fit-up - mechanical and electrical

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*RFQ/GC: Canadian Firefighters Memorial PR211068

201000420494 v3

* First issue bid stage IND:Y.

(PR211068)

* Action stage: *Bidding, Construction Documents

*Wellington St Lett St, LeBreton Flats

Ottawa, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) CAN

* Bid date: 01/19/2011 @ 03:00 PM EST

Valuation: *H

* Project delivery system: *Design-Bid-Build

* Target start date: *04/01/2011

Owner class: Federal

Project type: Park/Playground, Landscaping.

Report type: Project

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 01/25/2010

Prior publish date: 02/08/2010

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: New Project

Status: Architect requests Pre-qualifications from General Contractors by January 24 at 3:00 PM (EST) - February 10 tender anticipated - April construction start anticipated

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publication date: 01/11/2011

Submit bids to: Project Manager

Architect: **Plant Architect Inc.**, 101 Spadina Avenue Suite 208 Toronto, ON M5V 2K2 (CAN), Phone:416-979-2012, Fax:416-979-1283, E-mail:studio@branchplant.com, URL:http://www.branchplant.com/

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Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars - A site visit is scheduled for December 13 at 10 AM

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Items: Blackburn Building Window Caulking Replacement

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ITEM: Elevator Re-fit (JQC) PW-SSFG-345-52618

201000720966 v5 (PW-SSFG-345-52618)

Action stage: Bidding

111 Wellington St

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) K1A 0A4 CAN

* Bid date: 01/27/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST

Valuation: *E

* Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

* Target start date: 02/01/2011

Owner class: Federal

Project type: Capitol/ Courthouse/City Hall.

Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/21/2010

Prior publish date: 01/05/2011

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION.

Item Code: Elevator Maint.

Item Category: ELEVATORS/MOV STAIRS.

Status: Bid date extended from January 20 - Bids to Owner by January 27 at 2:00 PM (EST) - DDC3 Issued

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publication date: 01/13/2011

Submit bids to: Owner (Public)

Architect: **S.A. Stefanian Architect Inc.**, Steven Stefanion (Architect), 1918 Garfield Ave OTTAWA, ON K2C 0W8 (CAN), Phone:613-225-1515, Fax:613-225-6979

Consultant: **MERX**, Customer Support P.O. Box 65059 Ot-

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Additional features: Construction of the Canadian Firefighters Memorial - lighting - memorial wall - art work installation - associated stone work and landscaping

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ITEM: Window Caulking (Replacement) PWSFG20752402 201000712310 v2 (PWSFG20752402)

Action stage: Bidding

85 Sparks Street

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) K1P 5A7 CAN

* Bid date: 01/06/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST

Valuation: *C

* Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

* Target start date: 01/01/2011

Owner class: Federal

Project type: Office.

Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/06/2010

Prior publish date: 12/06/2010

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION.

Item Code: Caulking.

Item Category: BLDG CLNG/WATERPROOF.

Status: Bid date extended from January 4 - Bids to Owner by January 6 at 2:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publication date: 12/23/2010

Submit bids to: Owner (Public)

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Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars - A site visit is scheduled for December 13 at 10 AM

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Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 01/01/2011

Owner class: Federal

Project type: Miscellaneous Education Building.

Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/23/2010

Prior publish date: 12/23/2010

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION.

Item Code: Door Hardware-All Types, Doors-Solid

Wood&Wood Veneer, Metal&Metal Covrd Doors, Frames.

Item Category: DOORS, DOORS, DOORS.

Status: Bid date extended from January 18 - Bids to Owner's

Agent by January 25 at 2:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publish date: 01/14/2011

Submit bids to: Owner's Agent (Pu)

Architect: **David S McRobie Architects Inc.**, David McRobie

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Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars - A

mandatory site visit is scheduled for January 4 at 10 AM

Bonds: 10% Bid Bond, 50% Performance Bond, 50% Pay-

ment Bond.

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Items: Supply and install new doors and hardware - Repair

existing doors and hardware

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ITEM: Heated Ramps PR210398 201000722414 v1

First issue bid stage IND:Y.

(PR210398)

Action stage: Bidding

500 St Laurent Blvd

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) K1K 3X5 CAN

Bid date: 01/12/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST

Valuation: A

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 01/01/2011

Target complete date: 03/01/2011

Owner class: Private

Project type: Apartments/Condominiums 4+ Stories.

Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/23/2010

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION.

Item Code: Concrete Work excl Foundns. Elec Work.

Item Category: MASONRY/CONCRETE, ELECTRICAL.

Status: Bids to Owner by January 12 at 2:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publish date: 12/23/2010

Submit bids to: Owner (Private)

Architect: **Ottawa Community Housing Corporation**, John

Rochelleau (Project Manager), 39 Auriga Drive Ottawa, ON

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Fax:613-738-7637, E-mail:john_rocheleau@och.ca,

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Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars - A pre-

bid meeting is scheduled for January 5 at 9 AM

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Items: Install heated ramps

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ITEM: Window & Masonry Repairs PR210342

201000721934 v1

First issue bid stage IND:Y.

(PR210342)

Action stage: Bidding

104-154 Wiggins Private

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) K1N 8N4 CAN

Bid date: 01/13/2011 @ 10:00 AM EST

Valuation: A

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 01/01/2011

Owner class: Private

Project type: Apartments/Condominiums 1-3 Stories.

Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/22/2010

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION.

Item Code: Concrete Masonry-excl Foundns. Windows-

Metal-Install. Windows-Wood-Install.

Item Category: MASONRY/CONCRETE,

WINDOWS/SKYLIGHT, WINDOWS/SKYLIGHT.

Status: Bids to Owner by January 13 at 10:00 AM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publish date: 12/22/2010

Submit bids to: Owner (Private)

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Owner (Private): **Ottawa Community Housing Corpora-**

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Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars - A pre-

bid meeting is scheduled for January 4 at 1 PM

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Items: Replace selected windows and complete masonry re-

pairs

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ITEM: Asbestos Abatement PR209956

201000719679 v2 (PR209956)

Action stage: Bidding

2 Rideau St. OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON)

K1N 8X5 CAN

*** Bid date:** 01/12/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST

Valuation: A

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 01/01/2011

Owner class: Federal

Project type: Office.

Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/17/2010

Prior publish date: 12/17/2010

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION.

Item Code: Asbestos Abatement.

Item Category: ASBESTOS REMOVAL.

Status: Bid date extended from January 5 - Bids to Owner's

Agent by January 12 at 2:00 PM (EST)

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publish date: 12/23/2010

Submit bids to: Owner's Agent (Pu)

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748-1415, Fax:613-748-1356,

URL:http://www.dstgroup.com

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Phone:613-232-6363, Fax:613-567-3178, E-mail:grant.mor-

den@sncslavalin.com,

URL:http://www.sncslavalin.com/en/Home.aspx

CELL PHONE 613-818-4351

Notes: NTCN04 - Cost estimate in Canadian dollars - A

mandatory site visit is scheduled for December 22 at 9:30

AM

Bonds: 10% Bid Bond, 50% Performance Bond, 50% Pay-

ment Bond.

Plans available from: Consultant

Addenda IND: N

Plan IND: N

Spec IND: N

Plan available IND: N

Items: Asbestos Abatement at Government of Canada Con-

ference Centre

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ITEM: Chiller (Replacement) 209677

201000716499 v3 (209677)

Action stage: Bidding

Montreal Rd Building M19

OTTAWA, ON (OTTAWA-CARLETON) K1A 0R6 CAN

*** Bid date:** 01/13/2011 @ 02:00 PM EST

Valuation: C

Project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Target start date: 01/01/2011

Owner class: Local Government

Project type: Testing/Research/Development Lab.

Report type: ITEM Only

Sub project count: 0

First publish date: 12/13/2010

Prior publish date: 01/04/2011

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge

Type of Work: Alterations

Type of Item: ALTERATION.

Item Code: Chillers. Mechanical Work.

Item Category: HVAC/DUCTWORK, PLUMBING/FIRE

PROTECTION.

Status: Bid date extended from January 6 - Bids to Owner by

January 13 at 2:00 PM (EST) - DOCI/ATT2 Issued

Status project delivery system: Design-Bid-Build

Publish date: 01/05/2011

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