

# Junction



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER CONCERNING THE COMPLETION OF AUTOROUTE 30

## Completion of the western section of autoroute 30 as a PPP

### The next step: Request for Qualifications

The ministère des Transports plans to complete the western section of autoroute 30 through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP). In the coming weeks, a new step will be taken: the launch of the Request for Qualifications.

The purpose of this step is to identify, from among all of the candidates, those companies that have the expertise, experience, and financial stability required to participate in the Request for Proposals. During this step, the consortiums, which generally comprise builders, operators, financiers, engineers, and local and international suppliers, will be required to present to the MTQ the information that will make it possible to evaluate their ability to complete the project under the terms of a PPP. The MTQ will retain a maximum of three candidates, in accordance with strict criteria related to their ability to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the infrastructure under the terms of a PPP in light of government requirements, and in accordance with their

experience acquired during similar projects that have been completed elsewhere in Canada or abroad.

At the end of the Request for Qualifications step, the top three candidates will be asked to respond to the Request for Proposals, which will make it possible to identify the best proposal, and therefore, the best partner.

The purpose of proceeding in this manner is to maximize the competition between qualified bidders in order to obtain the best possible price. This approach has been proven effective in several other provinces that have implemented PPPs.

It is important to note that healthy competition between candidates, and the process as a whole, will serve to ensure the transparency, fairness, and credibility of the process, which is aimed at securing the most beneficial proposal for the government and for the community.

*In this issue of Junction 30, we will address the two main steps involved in the selection process that will lead to the signing of a Public-Private Partnership (PPP): the Request for Qualifications and the Request for Proposals. These two steps, which will take place over a period of several months, will enable the ministère des Transports (MTQ) to select the private partner that has the best technical and financial capacities required to complete autoroute 30.*

*At the end of these two steps, which are critical to the development of the project under the terms of a PPP, the MTQ will proceed with the awarding of the contract and the signing of the partnership agreement. The private partner will have a number of responsibilities for the duration of the agreement, including the design and construction of the western section of autoroute 30, and the operation, financing, and maintenance of the autoroute.*

*In order for the work to be completed in accordance with the rules of the trade, the MTQ will put mechanisms into place in order to monitor the performance of the private partnership. These mechanisms will ensure that the requirements of the PPP contract are respected at all times, in accordance with the expectations of the MTQ and of autoroute users.*

*The coming year will see the completion of certain steps that are truly decisive in terms of the completion of this project as a PPP – steps that will culminate in the completion of autoroute 30 for the benefit of the region as a whole.*

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## Relocation of transmission lines...

### Completion of the western section of autoroute 30 as a PPP (cont'd)

#### Second step: Request for Proposals

The Request for Qualifications will be followed by the Request for Proposals. This step will include the preparation of proposals by previously qualified candidates, and the evaluation of these proposals by the MTQ. The candidates will be required to provide a technical proposal, including a detailed design of the project and the guaranteed maximum price. The selection of the candidate will be based on the analysis of proposals from a technical and financial perspective, taking into consideration the benefits for the community and the government. The Request for Proposals step will make it possible to select the best proposal, and therefore, the best partner to complete the western section of autoroute 30.



## ... electricity supply in the context of the completion of autoroute 30

The process of relocating Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie's high-voltage transmission lines in order to clear the right-of-way required to complete autoroute 30 got underway last year.

The MTQ has mandated Hydro-Québec Distribution to proceed with relocating the transmission lines. This work should be completed by early 2007.

### 24 transmission lines to be relocated

A total of 24 transmission lines are affected by the completion of autoroute 30. Hydro-Québec will carry out the work in 21 specific locations on its distribution grid, in the municipalities of Candiac, Delson, Saint-Constant, Saint-Isidore, Léry, Châteauguay, Beauharnois (Beauharnois and Melocheville districts), Salaberry-de-Valleyfield (Saint-Timothée district), Les Cèdres, and Vaudreuil-Dorion.

More specifically, Hydro-Québec will work on 19 km of its aerial distribution network and 9 km of its underground network.

The work that will be carried out on the power distribution network will include:

- the burial of the network at each intersection where there is a distribution line;
- the relocation of electricity poles in order to respect the new MTQ rights-of-way;
- the redesign of underground urban structures.

### Rollout

The work on the distribution network must precede the roadwork, and will be carried out in conjunction with the MTQ infrastructure work.

The relocation of electricity poles will be carried out for each section in such a way as to ensure the continuity of power supply and to minimize the impact on the public. Neighbouring residents who are affected by the work will be informed by Hydro-Québec prior to the work.

Hydro-Québec is expected to launch a Call for Tenders in order to carry out certain parts of the project. The work on the aerial and underground transmission lines will be carried out by Hydro-Québec.

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