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CONCERNING THE COMPLETION
OF AUTOROUTE 30

Request for Qualifications Announcement

On November 5, 2006, in Léry, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Jean Charest announced the launch of the Request for Qualifications for the completion of Autoroute 30, with a view to selecting potential private partners in the context of a Public Private Partnership.

For this event, the Premier and the Prime Minister were accompanied by federal and provincial leaders, deputies, wardens and mayors, and a number of socio-economic partners, all of whom are very proud of the progress that has been made on the project for the completion of Autoroute 30.



From left to right: Jean-Marc Fournier, Québec Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport and the Minister responsible for the Montérégie region; Michel Després, Québec Minister of Transport and the Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region; Premier Jean Charest; Prime Minister Stephen Harper; Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Canada; and Michael M. Fortier, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Request for Qualifications

On November 8, 2006, the Government of Québec officially launched the Request for Qualifications from national and international companies. This is a determining step that will make it possible to retain a limited number of candidates, based on strict qualification criteria pertaining to their abilities in terms of the design, construction, financing, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the infrastructure in the context of a Public Private Partnership, while adhering to government requirements.

The Request for Qualifications process is being overseen jointly by the Ministère des Transports du Québec and Partenariats public-privé Québec.

Three candidates will be retained as a result of the Request for Qualifications. These three candidates will then continue the process by responding to a Request for Proposals, which is scheduled for May 2007. The Partnership Agreement will be signed with the candidate who presents the proposal that is most beneficial to the government and the community.

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"The new Government of Canada is pleased to be working with the Government of Québec on the completion of the Western section of Autoroute 30. Our government is determined to produce real results in the transportation sector that will bring real benefits to Canadians. This new southern bypass route will make it possible to develop markets in the metropolitan region and in the Montérégie, and will facilitate access to the markets of Ontario, the Maritimes, and the United States. The reduction of road congestion in the Greater Montréal Area, and the resulting decrease in air pollution, constitutes a major focus of our strategy to improve the quality of the air that we breathe and to preserve the health of Canadians," declared Prime Minister Stephen Harper.



Premier Jean Charest added: "The completion of Autoroute 30 is being carried out in a context of sustainable development. By enabling motorists and truckers to bypass the metropolitan Montréal region in an efficient manner, the citizens of the Island of Montréal will be able to benefit from a better quality of life. This project, which is finally becoming a reality, will not only help to relieve the stress on the Montréal road network, but will also help to revitalize the economic development of the Montérégie region and promote the export of goods to foreign markets.



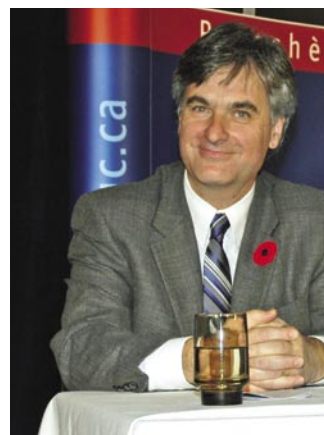
Today's announcement is a testament to the shared desire of our two governments to pool their efforts in order to better serve their citizens."



The Québec Minister of Transport and the Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region, Michel Després, perceives the launch of the Request for Qualifications as the first concrete milestone in the completion of the western section of this major endeavour. "This is the culmination of three years of intensive work in the field, and the result of a fruitful cooperation with our federal partner. Progress in the eastern section, and the quest to find a private partner for the Western section, reflect the determination of the government of Québec to serve the interests of Montréal and the Montérégie by finally providing this sprawling region with an infrastructure that has been long-awaited and un fact indispensable in order to relieve congestion in the metropolitan roads system on one hand, and on the other, to enhance economic development on the South Shore."

Sustained efforts

Mr. Charest also thanked and commended Jean-Marc Fournier, Québec Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport and the Minister responsible for the Montérégie region, a local elected official who has virtually adopted the completion of Autoroute 30 as a "personal project" by meticulously overseeing its execution from the outset.



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