



# OPPORTUNITIES ON THE GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

## THE PROJECT

The Windsor-Detroit Gateway is the busiest commercial land border crossing between Canada and the US and is vital to the economies of Ontario, Michigan, Canada and the United States. Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) is delivering the Gordie Howe International Bridge project between Windsor, ON and Detroit, MI with the collaboration of the State of Michigan and Bridging North America (BNA). As private-sector partner, BNA will design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Bridge, the Canadian Port of Entry and the US Port of Entry (US POE) and design, build and finance the Michigan Interchange into Interstate-75. The State of Michigan will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the Michigan Interchange.

## ANTICIPATED WORKFORCE TRENDS

The Gordie Howe new bridge is of vital importance to the economic prosperity of communities and businesses on both sides of the border and is expected to create thousands of construction jobs, in addition to hundreds of permanent jobs to operate the future crossing. With the project slated to open in late 2024, the following workforce trends are anticipated:

**2019 – 2020:** Design focus to complete ready-for-construction designs.

**2021 – 2023:** As design work is completed, construction will ramp up. 70 per cent of construction hours are anticipated to be completed.

**2023-2024:** Turnover and commissioning period to prepare for operations.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The project team is committed to engaging the local workforce to help deliver this historic project and will be recruiting staff in a variety of fields including, engineering, environmental, finance, communications, legal, project management and administration. Opportunities with WDBA and BNA are posted on [GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com](http://GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com), other recruitment websites and the project social media channels. Bridging North America is also working with local unions to reach project labor agreements that will cover participation on the project by skilled construction trades.

## COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The project will boost the local and regional economies by directly and indirectly supporting the creation of jobs over the lifespan of the planning and construction periods.

### WDBA PROCUREMENT PROCESS

WDBA procurement opportunities are primarily related to project management. Associated tender information is posted at [GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com](http://GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com) and [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com). Should any opportunities meet your firm's capabilities and capacities, specific proposals should be through the MERX electronic bid submission system.

### BNA PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Bridging North America is responsible for contracting service providers and securing materials and resources for the delivery project, including design, construction and operations. Large volumes of materials and services will be needed to deliver the project with key areas of procurement to occur in administrative, architectural, civil, construction indirects, electrical, instrumentation, logistics, process equipment and structural. To participate in BNA's procurement process interested organizations should undertake the following:

1. Select the "Opportunities with Bridging North America" tab at GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com and select Canada or US
2. Review current opportunities
3. Complete and submit a Non-disclosure Agreement to receive documents
4. Receive and review Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals
5. Prepare your technical and commercial submission
6. Following the submission deadline, BNA will undertake evaluations
7. Following evaluation, BNA will award the contract and process the supply agreement, subcontract or service agreement.

## **VENDOR, CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS**

BNA requires that all companies wishing to do business complete a qualification questionnaire and provide details about relevant licensing, compliance with federal and/or state or provincial laws related to equal employment opportunities (EEO), financial status, insurance, bonding capacity, quality assurance, and health, safety and environmental (HS&E) ratings. To perform work for BNA, the following will be required:

- Previous three years of safety records
- Certifications for specialized trades
- Certificates of insurance for supply or subcontracts
- Adoption of BNA safety, quality and environmental plans
- All labour on site must follow project requirements including Project Labour Agreements (PLAs) and monthly reporting. Monthly reporting to BNA includes reporting on Workforce Development including:
  - Local workforce hiring
  - Indigenous hiring
  - Total number of pre-apprentices and apprentices assigned to the project

For non-local subcontractors:

- Locally sourced equipment and supplies
- Locally owned businesses engaged on the project.

## **ABOUT WINDSOR-DETROIT BRIDGE AUTHORITY**

Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) is a not-for-profit Canadian Crown corporation created to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project through a public-private partnership (P3). WDBA is responsible for overseeing and managing the construction and operation of the new crossing.

## **ABOUT BRIDGING NORTH AMERICA**

BNA is comprised of Dragados, Fluor and Aecon - firms with local experience and knowledge, world-class transportation expertise and a proven ability to deliver bridge, facility and highway infrastructure projects. Examples include the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway in Windsor, Ontario; New Champlain Bridge Corridor in Montreal, Quebec; Autoroute 30 in Montreal, Quebec; Eglinton Crosstown LRT in Toronto, Ontario; Réseau Express Métropolitain (REM) in Montreal, Quebec; Automated People Mover at LAX Airport in California; Harbor Bridge in Corpus Christi, Texas; Tappan Zee Bridge in New York; and San Francisco- Oakland Bay Bridge in California.