

## Owner's Engineer

Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) is taking a major step toward preparing itself for the start of significant construction on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project with the award of a contract for Owner's Engineer.

### What are the contract details?

Parsons Inc. of Markham, Ontario has been selected as WDBA's Owner's Engineer. In January 2015, following a competitive process, Parsons Inc. was awarded a contract as WDBA's General Engineering Consultant to provide a range of professional engineering services during the preparatory activities and procurement stages of the project. The contract included an option for the contract to be amended to have the company as WDBA's Owner's Engineer.

The contract value is approximately \$61 million. It will commence on April 1, 2018, approximately two months prior to announcement of the Preferred Proponent and will continue during the construction phase of the project.

### What is an Owner's Engineer?

The Owner's Engineer works with WDBA's engineering team and acts as WDBA's technical and engineering representative. The Owner's Engineer assists WDBA in meeting its contractual responsibilities during the design-build phase in accordance with the Project Agreement to be signed by WDBA and the private-sector partner. WDBA remains fully responsible for the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

### What does an Owner's Engineer do?

The Owner's Engineer's primary function is to provide WDBA with technical expertise and represent WDBA's interests to ensure the work being completed by the private-sector partner is in conformance with the Project Agreement. This includes:

- review of all designs and technical submittals for compliance with the Project Agreement
- tracking the progress of the work completed by the private-sector partner
- providing independent assurance that quality control processes are followed and report any defects or deficiencies to WDBA
- assisting WDBA in the review of any proposed changes or disputes, and
- providing technical interpretation of the requirements of the project.

### Where will the Owner's Engineer work?

To facilitate a close working relationship and cooperation, the Owner's Engineer staff and some WDBA staff will be co-located in the private-sector partner's project and field offices in Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan. The Owner's Engineer will include staff that were involved in the development of the Project Agreement and will bring in additional field construction oversight staff.

