

Gordie Howe International Bridge – The Next Six Months

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project will be delivered through a public-private partnership or a P3. To select a private-sector partner to deliver the project components – the Canadian and US POEs, the bridge and the Michigan Interchange – Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) is running a rigorous and fair two-stage procurement process consisting of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP) stages. WDBA’s procurement process is designed for WDBA to choose a private-sector partner with the skills, experiences and resources necessary to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

Over the course of 2018, many activities will lead to the start of full construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. Here are some of the things to expect in the next six months.

Ongoing	Preparatory activities at both the Canadian and US project sites will continue. Weekly updates can be found at wdbridge.com .
May	The RFP open period will close. All three Proponents will submit their proposals to WDBA.
June	Following the rigorous evaluation process undertaken by WDBA and its partners, WDBA will announce the Preferred Proponent and begin contractual negotiations.
Summer	The Preferred Proponent will be able to begin early work activity.
September	The final stage of the procurement process, Financial Close, will occur by the end of September 2018. This is when all contractual details are finalized and the private-sector partner is officially on board.

Project Implementation

WDBA’s private-sector partner will be responsible to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Canadian and US Ports of Entry and the bridge and to design, build and finance the Michigan Interchange. Michigan will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the Michigan Interchange.

