



Request for Proposals (RFP #21-165)

**Highway 3 Widening Project – Essex to
Leamington**

Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario

Summary Fairness Monitor Report

Project:	Highway 3 Widening Project – Essex to Leamington
Report Stage:	Request for Proposal (RFP) Phase 2 Summary Report
Date of Submission:	December 15, 2022
Submitted to:	Infrastructure Ontario – Senior Vice President, Procurement

INTRODUCTION

BDO Canada LLP (BDO) was engaged by Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (IO) as a Fairness Monitor to observe the Request for Proposals (RFP #21-165) process of the Highway 3 Widening – Essex to Leamington Project.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Highway 3 – Widening Essex to Leamington project is responsible for the widening of 15.6km of highway. The benefits of the widening include - increasing highway capacity, increasing mobility, and enhancing highway safety, improving intersection operations, improving highway access management within the corridor, and addressing stakeholder and public expectations.

Scope of the Project:

The scope of the Highway 3 – Widening Essex to Leamington Project consists of the widening of the road, and associated work:

- Widen the road from two to four lanes for 15.6 km, from Essex to Leamington.
- Limits extend from 1.2 km east of Essex Road 23 to 1.1 km east of Essex Road 34.
- Reconfigure, re-align, and remove some direct access intersections from side roads to the highway.
- Improve drainage, including extension to structural culverts
- Reconstruct/resurface existing lanes on Highway 3
- Signalize 5 intersections and provide illumination as required (Belle River Rd., Division Rd, ER18, Graham SR, ER34).

RFP Open Period

The RFP Phase 2 Open Period began when RFP 21-165 was posted on MERX on December 03, 2021. The RFP Phase 2 assessment submission deadline solicitation period closed on October 12, 2022 (Technical) and November 18, 2022(Financial). IO received two (2) submissions by the closing date and time stated in the RFP.

RFP EVALUATION PHASE

IO received two (2) responses by the closing date and time stated in the RFP. The Sponsors and their Representatives evaluated the Submissions in accordance with the RFP Phase 2 evaluation criteria:

- Step 1 – Completeness of Technical Submissions
- Step 2 – Review of the Proposal Submission Form (Technical)
- Step 3 – Review and Scoring of the Technical Submissions
- Step 4 – Review of the Proposal Submission Form (Financial)
- Step 5 – Compliance of Financial Submissions
- Step 6 – Review and Scoring of the Financial Submissions
- Step 7 - Establishing a Final Proposal Score
- Step 8 - Ranking the Proponents

IO conducted evaluations and the GIP Paving Inc. submission was the top rank Proponent and was recommended to be selected as the First Negotiations Proponent (FNP). BDO attended both the Evaluation Team consensus sessions and the meeting with Evaluation Committee (EC) to review the GIP Paving Inc. and Erie Shores results.

It is BDO's professional opinion that the Request for Proposals (RFP #21-165) Phase 2 process observed for the Highway 3 Widening – Essex to Leamington Project, was carried out in a fair, open and transparent manner.

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