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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT RELEASES GUIDE FOR CALCULATING REMUNERATION FOR DESIGN-BUILD PROPOSALS

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OTTAWA – The Joint Industry-Government of Canada Task Force on Design-Build today released a Guide for the calculation of remuneration for design-build proposals. The Guide, produced in recognition of one of the key principles adopted in 2001 by the Task Force regarding the proper selection of a Design-Builder, has been unanimously endorsed for use by the nine organizations and federal government departments that make up the Joint Industry-Government of Canada Task Force on Design-Build. These organizations include the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada, the Canadian Construction Association, the Canadian Design-Build Institute, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, Defence Construction Canada, Department of National Defence, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and Public Works and Government Services Canada.

This Guide can assist both public and private sector Owners in determining a reasonable amount of compensation to be provided to design-builders in the preparation of design-build proposals and is based on actual proposal costs from a variety of sources. The Guide calculates the amount of compensation based on both the complexity of the project and on the level of detail contained in the Owner's Request for Proposal.

"Determining a reasonable estimate of the costs to prepare a design-build proposal is not easily done and requires extensive experience in the preparation of these proposals," stated Bruce Lorimer, Director General of Architectural and Engineering Services at Public Works and Government Services Canada. "The Guide provides an excellent framework whereby owners can readily determine compensation by knowing the basic complexity of their project and what level of detail they are providing to proposal proponents."

"This Guide acknowledges that proper compensation should be provided to Design-Builders in the preparation of their design-build proposals," added Randy Dhar, Chairman of the Canadian Design-Build Institute. "Its release signals that industry and government are continuing to work together to further strengthen the design-build procurement process in Canada."

A copy of the Guide is attached and is also available on the Canadian Design-Build Institute's website at www.cdbi.org.

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