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Expressway Underway

Premier Greg Selinger, Federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz and CentrePort Canada President and CEO Diane Gray announced the start of construction of CentrePort Canada Way on June 18, 2010.

CentrePort Canada Way (CCW) is a \$212-million, 10-kilometre expressway, funded by the federal and provincial governments that will run through CentrePort Canada, linking the 20,000-acre inland port to the Perimeter Highway and into major east-west and north-south transportation corridors.

“CentrePort Canada is definitely a key component of Canada’s economic prosperity as we emerge from the recession,” Minister Toews said.



“CentrePort... has the ability to do what nothing else can accomplish for our city as far as economic impact and creating phenomenal jobs,” Mayor Katz added. “This is the beginning of something very wonderful and very special.”

Premier Selinger said CCW is about adding to Manitoba’s existing transportation advantage. “Building our inland port will help attract new private investment, create jobs and generate economic growth that will position our province well for the future.”

SNC-Lavalin Awarded CCW Contract

SNC-Lavalin has been awarded a major contract to design and build a four-lane, four-kilometre section of a divided expressway known as CentrePort Canada Way.

“This is an essential link in the creation of Winnipeg’s inland port,” said Jim Burke, Executive Vice-President, SNC-Lavalin Group. “SNC-Lavalin is a Canadian leader in highway construction and CentrePort Canada Way will provide a high-speed transportation corridor that will enable the efficient movement of goods between Northwest Winnipeg’s intermodal and distribution facilities.”



Modernizing Key Trade Corridors

Almost \$300 million is being invested by the provincial and federal governments to upgrade important trade and transportation routes within Manitoba, including Highway 75, the TransCanada Highway and CentrePort Canada Way. The investments will create 4,467 person-years of employment over several years.

Highway 75 is part of the Mid-Continent Trade and Transportation Corridor to the United States and Mexico. The TransCanada is the country’s major east-west trade route, linking CentrePort to the Asia-Pacific Gateway.

CentrePort Canada: Open For Business

CentrePort Canada is a significant greenfield site, however there are more than 130 businesses already operating within the footprint, many of them in the transportation, logistics, warehousing and manufacturing sectors.

Canada Post Corporation opened its new state-of-the-art mail processing plant in June on 27 acres near the James A. Richardson International Airport and located within CentrePort Canada.



Bison Transport, another important partner, won the 2010 SCL Green Supply Chain Award, sponsored by Transport Canada and awarded to companies that actively improve their environmental performance, including developing an action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reporting on their progress.

Congratulations to both companies on their recent achievements.

Industry Advisory Body Established

Red River College (RRC) is setting up an industry steering group to support the development of CentrePort Canada and the training needs of the transportation, logistics, warehousing and manufacturing sectors.

RRC has two major campuses located within CentrePort Canada. The Stevenson Campus specializes in skills training for Canada's aviation industry. RRC's main Notre Dame campus is a hub for industrial-based training including: Operations Management Certificate; Transportation and Distribution Management Certificate, which is focused on supply chain planning-integrated logistics, outbound transportation and fulfillment, and inbound transportation and fulfillment; Inside Sales/Warehouse Certificate; and Railway Conductor Certificate.

RRC, with 32,000 enrollments, is Manitoba's second largest post-secondary institution.

Inaugural Business Plan Released

CentrePort Canada's first annual business plan was released last month, outlining the corporation's activities in four key areas: business development, strategic partnerships, intergovernmental relations, and marketing and communications.

The plan targets 250 acres of development within the first five years following servicing. CentrePort Canada is working with the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba on a plan for phasing-in the servicing of the inland port area.

CentrePort MOU with Chongqing

CentrePort Canada signed a collaboration agreement on May 18 with Chongqing-Lianglu Free Trade Zone Area in China. The event was witnessed by Treasury Board President Stockwell Day.

"CentrePort Canada is one of the key projects our government has supported through the Asia-Pacific Gateway," said Day, also the minister responsible for the Asia-Pacific Gateway. "Today's announcement will make CentrePort Canada and the Asia-Pacific Gateway even more attractive to international business and investments."



The collaboration agreement was signed by Zhu Dalun, Chief Supervisor of Chongqing-Lianglu FTZ, and Diane Gray, President and CEO of CentrePort Canada.

The agreement will focus on exchanging best practices and market information; engaging in joint promotions that help increase awareness in both Canadian and Chinese markets; and sharing technology that will enhance the security, efficiency and environmental sustainability of goods moving along the supply chain.

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