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Diversion Authority Shortlists Four P3 Teams Interested in Constructing the Diversion Project

(Oct. 13, 2016) – The Metro Flood Diversion Authority (Diversion Authority) has completed its evaluations and interviews of the respondents to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Public-Private Partnership (P3) constructed portion of the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project (Diversion Project). The Diversion Authority Board took action today to shortlist four teams that best represented their ability to provide effective leadership and teamwork, and efficiently and effectively deliver the Diversion Project. Each of the four teams will receive the Request for Proposals (RFP), which is anticipated to be issued later this year by the Diversion Authority:

“Permanent flood protection for Fargo-Moorhead is on the horizon,” said Chairman Darrell Vanyo. “In addition to word last week from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that they intend to issue the first construction contract for the Diversion Project in the next month, the board’s action to shortlist firms and enter the RFP phase on the P3 portion of the project is good news for local residents who are ready to get it done and be assured they are safe from flooding for good.”

The Diversion Authority had issued an RFQ to Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintain the Diversion Channel and Associated Infrastructure Work Package of the Diversion Project earlier this year in July. In response to the RFQ, the Diversion Authority received six Statements of Qualifications. The Diversion Authority was impressed with the quality of each of the six teams.

“The response of the industry to this project shows that we have a great project,” Chairman Vanyo indicated.

The Diversion Authority Board is pleased to announce that the following four teams have been approved as the Shortlisted Proposers:

- Lake Agassiz Partners (Meridiam/Walsh/AECOM)
- Red River Valley Partners (Fluor/Plenary/Ames/Barnard)
- Red River Valley Alliance (Acciona/InfraRed/North American Enterprises/Shikun&Binui)
- Red River Partners (Graham/Parsons/Alberici/BBGI)

For more information on the Diversion Project or to learn more about the shortlisted firms, please visit www.fmdiversion.com.

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