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Honourable Prasad Panda
Infrastructure Minister

Dear Minister Panda:

Re: New Procurements During COVID-19 Pandemic

Alberta Construction Association and other partners in the design and construction industry urgently seek clarity in Alberta Infrastructure bid requirements for new procurements during the COVID-1 pandemic.

Addenda on recent schools project procurements indicate:

“Infrastructure will not revise the Bid Documents with respect to potential cost and schedule implications due to COVID-19. Bidders are reminded that, in accordance with Bid Document Section 00 21 13 – Instructions to Bidders, Article 21 – Irregularities, a bid that is informal, incomplete, qualified, non-compliant with the requirements of the Bid Documents, or otherwise irregular in any way, may be declared invalid and rejected”.

If a bid was to close now, and construction anticipated to start by summer, how could government or contractors, include for the risk associated with reduced productivity, supply chain interruptions, or inability to mobilize and commence work?

The attached letter from the Consulting Architects of Alberta introduces further uncertainties for contractor bids due to unmanageable risks for our design partners.

Passing these risks on to the contractors is likely not possible for them to accept, price, or insure.

We look forward to our April 6th conference call with you. We would like to discuss the opportunity to resolve these concerns and to discuss how to work together to keep procurements and projects moving to rebuild our economy.

Sincerely,

Frederick Vine, Chairman
Attachment

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