

# Status Report on the Canadian Stimulus Package



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# Goals of the Presentation

- Provide recent historical context and review of past announcements
- Review 2009 infrastructure-related measures from stimulus package
- What has happened? What has yet to happen?



The background of the slide features a composite image. On the left, a portion of a blue and white globe is visible. In the center, four hands of different skin tones are shown holding a white globe. A large, semi-transparent teal maple leaf logo is overlaid on the hands and globe. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Budget 2005

## The “New Deal for Communities”

- 100% rebate of GST for municipalities—2004
- Introduction of Gas Tax Sharing program - \$2 billion, or 5 cents/litre, by April 2009.
- Doubling of Green Municipal Funds (today stands at \$550 million)



# Budget 2007

## Infrastructure Investments

- Building Canada Fund - \$8.8 billion to 2013-14
- Gateway and Border Crossings - \$2.1 billion to 2013-14
- PPP Fund - \$1.25 billion to 2013-14, and creation of a new Crown Corporation, “PPP Canada Inc.”
- Pacific Gateway Initiatives - \$1 billion to 2013-14
- Equal per jurisdiction (Base Funding Program) - \$2.27 billion to 2013-14

# 2009 Infrastructure Stimulus Measures

- Municipal Infrastructure Fund - \$4 billion
- Post-secondary infrastructure - \$2 billion
  - Other knowledge infrastructure - \$1.13 billion
- Federal infrastructure (federal buildings, roads, bridges, contaminated sites, harbours, rail) - \$716 million
- Green Infrastructure Fund - \$1 billion over 5 years
- Recreational infrastructure - \$500 million
- First Nations infrastructure - \$515 million
- Acceleration of 2007 Base Funds - \$990 million by 2011

Except for Green Infrastructure Fund, deadline for stimulus-funded project deadlines is March 31, 2011.

# Where Are We At ? (2005-2007 Programs)

- Gas tax, GST rebate, Green Municipal Fund → fully implemented
- Building Canada Fund → final federal/provincial agreements signed in September 2008.
  - Of the \$8.8 billion allocated, \$2.5 billion approved
- Gateway and Border Crossing → Atlantic, Mid-continent gateways being considered, but still no money has flowed
- Pacific Gateway Initiatives → projects announced
- PPP Fund → Crown Corporation still being established; no money yet out the door
- Equal per jurisdiction / Base Funding → accelerated in Budget 2009, \$990 million to be transferred to provinces by 2011

# Where Are We at (2009 Stimulus Fund)

- 1600 projects announced worth \$6.3 billion.
- Municipal and post-secondary projects now being announced
- Green Infrastructure Fund – proposals being accepted, no timelines.
- Recreational Infrastructure Fund now accepting applications (deadline June 19)
- Federal infrastructure – at least \$400 million announced in April 2009



# What Should Engineering Firms Know?

- Lists of approved projects by province / territory:  
<http://www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/>
- MOs may want to monitor procurement.
- Watch for language that may shift risk for failure to meet March 2011 deadline onto engineers (Baird FCM announcement may reduce risk!)
- Owners need to communicate deadlines (some projects must meet, others wont).
- PPPs must be considered for projects over \$50 million; may be used once PPP Canada operational.
- Visit PWGSC tabletop for more information on federal projects.



**Thank you / Merci**



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