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ACEC-Canada Encouraged by New Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund

(OTTAWA) April 2, 2024 - The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Canada (ACEC) is encouraged by today's announcement of \$6 billion in funding for the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund, which will support municipalities in the construction and upgrading of critical infrastructure such as wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste systems. This infrastructure is essential to build communities, and the new Fund will support the government's ambitious housing goals and help address the housing crisis by building complete communities.

"Supportive infrastructure, including water and wastewater systems, electrical grids, and roadways and transit systems, is what turns houses into homes," said John Gamble, President and CEO of ACEC. "The Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund will help support municipalities take full advantage of the federal government's housing-focused funding – such as the Housing Accelerator Fund – to build strong communities."

ACEC eagerly anticipates additional insights into the operational mechanics of the funding process and a clearer understanding of the eligibility criteria when the government presents Budget 2024 on April 16. To support these necessary investments, we also urge the government to take proactive steps in addressing long-term infrastructure investment requirements through additional measures like the National Infrastructure Assessment.

ACEC is committed to collaborating with the government and other stakeholders to develop funding programs that bolster resilient communities nationwide.

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