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Engineers Canada Pleased with Announcement of Engagement Process for a Long-term Infrastructure Plan in Canada

Ottawa, ON, November 30, 2011 — Today the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, and Communities launched the government's formal engagement process to develop a new long-term plan for public infrastructure beyond the expiry of the Building Canada Plan in 2014.

“Engineers Canada has consistently called for a long-term, strategic approach to infrastructure investment in Canada. We are pleased with the government's announcement of next steps toward a plan for safe, reliable, well-managed and well-maintained infrastructure to support vibrant and prosperous communities,” said Engineers Canada Chief Executive Officer, Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env. “We are eager to participate in this initiative to help ensure that appropriate processes and sufficient funding are in place to provide sustainability for Canada's infrastructure.”

Engineers Canada will continue to work with governments, partners and other stakeholders to ensure that a future infrastructure funding program includes some kind of priority-setting mechanisms for new build and refurbishment, as well as appropriate asset management planning for long-term sustainability.

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