

Tendering begins for new Doha airport

The massive expansion of Qatar's new Doha International Airport is getting into high gear and the tendering process for the first of three stages is set to begin. The airport will be the world's first to be designed specifically to handle the largest passenger aircraft ever—the two-floor Airbus A380-800.

The first phase of the airport should be completed by late 2008 at a cost of \$2.5 billion. Upon completion of all three phases by 2015, the airport will be one of the largest and most modern in the world, with a planned annual capacity of 50 million passengers. The new airport could set the benchmark for all future airports and position Doha as a potential regional aviation hub rivaling the region's dominant hub in Dubai, where a \$4-billion airport expansion project is underway.

The airport will include the construction of two parallel runways and a

passenger terminal with 25,000 square metres of retail space, a separate royal terminal, a cargo terminal with a capacity of 750,000 tonnes per year, a free trade zone, three hotels, hangars, control tower and radar installation. Half the project's area of 2,200 hectares will be land reclaimed from the sea.

The second phase will extend the main terminal to boost annual capacity to 24 million passengers and add a suspended monorail, while the final phase will double the number of gates to 80 and further extend the terminal building to 416,000 square metres.

Tenders have already been issued for site security, excavation, reclamation and landfill engineering. Specialized contractors have also been invited to participate in prequalification for site

survey, construction testing and technical services contracts.

Get connected

Canadian companies interested in pursuing tenders related to this project are advised to hire a local service agent to help pre-qualify them for bidding when a suitable tender package is advertised in local newspapers. An agent can also assist Canadian companies through the bidding phase. Additional tenders will be advertised by the end of this year or early next year, and will not be announced on any Web site.

For more information, contact the Doha International Airport Steering Committee, c/o Overseas Bechtel Inc., tel.: (011-974) 446-2888, fax: (011-974) 446-2899. ★

Build your client base at U.S. construction show

ORLANDO, FLORIDA — January 13-16, 2005 — The **International Builders Show (IBS)** is the largest building and design exhibition in the U.S. and is attended by over 100,000 designers, builders, architects, developers, engineers, merchants and key decision makers. This exhibition offers Canadian businesses an ideal venue to build their U.S. client base.

This year's pavilion is being organized by Canadian Export Development Inc. (CEDI), in cooperation with the Canadian Consulate General in Atlanta. Canadian companies will be able to display their products and services as they pursue business opportunities with customers from around the world.

The Consulate General will target key decision makers and buyers in government and the private sector to visit the Canadian pavilion. In conjunction with IBS 2005, the Consulate General will organize an incoming buyers mission from the Caribbean and Latin America. Participants can also have one-on-one meetings with potential clients and participate in a seminar program.

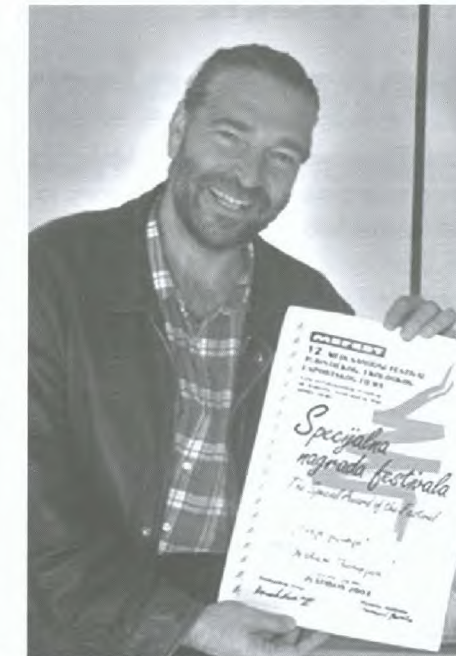
Canada will have the only national pavilion at IBS 2005 and it will be located next to the show's main entrance. **For more information**, contact Robert Grison, Director of Operations, CEDI, tel.: (613) 825-9916, fax: (613) 825-7108, e-mail: cced@sympatico.ca. ★

Due to the recent PSAC strike, the two November issues of CanadExport have been combined into one.

Métis new media artist wins film award

Graham Thompson, an Ottawa-based digital and new media artist, received the Special Jury Award for his film *The First Sunrise* at MEFEST, the International Ecological, Tourist and Sport Film Festival, which was held in Zlatibor, Serbia, in September. His film won in the ecological film category.

The film was inspired by the meaning of the East, as taught by the Anishinaabe People of North America. "This video seeks to express the beauty, power and mystery of the East. As it is from the East that we witness the sunrise, the start of a new day, and symbolically, the birth of our universe," says Thompson. The animations in the film were developed through a process of scanning, tracing and processing hand drawn images. For the soundtrack, Thompson recorded wetland sounds mixed in with electronic keyboard.



Graham Thompson after winning the Special Jury Award at the International Ecological, Tourist and Sport Film Festival, for his film *The First Sunrise*.

Thompson, a member of the Métis Nation of British Columbia, graduated from York University (BFA) in 1983 and from the British Columbia Institute of Technology in 1986. Thompson has gained an international reputation by winning new media design awards from the International Digital Art Awards of Australia, the International Association of Webmasters and Designers of Florida, Cool Site of the Day of New York, the Digital Giraffe of California, and Art Space of Manitoba. ★

To read more about international Aboriginal affairs, see Issue 23 of **Canada World View**, Foreign Affairs Canada's quarterly foreign policy magazine, on-line at www.international.gc.ca/canada-magazine.

Canadian firm gets on board Turkish rail project

CANAC Inc., a Canadian railway consultancy services company, has recently signed a contract worth \$793,000 with Turkish State Railways (TCDD) to provide consulting services as part of the railway's restructuring plan. The project will be funded by a grant from the World Bank.

The company will conduct a study to assist in the preparation of the railway restructuring plan, which is seeking to reduce TCDD's financial burden on public finances and increase the competitiveness of the Turkish economy by opening the railway sector to private companies.

CANAC's study will support work on the railway's employment restructuring, the need for personnel retrenchment or re-deployment, capacity building, and the improvement of the railway network's physical infrastructure on some routes.

The company's studies will also take into account more efficient and

economical working methods. CANAC studies will consider European Union (E.U.) standards and include short-, medium- and long-term plans that TCDD can follow during subsequent phases of the reconstruction. The study is an important step, one that will enable Turkey to meet E.U. directives related to transportation, and reduce costs associated with the eventual entry into the E.U. market.

CANAC started the study project in October and is one of the important stages in a larger upgrade of the Turkish railroad network. The company's research, which will guide its recommendations, will be completed in early 2005.

Opportunities

The Turkish government is giving special priority to major transportation and telecommunications infrastructure

development, particularly in improving the Turkish railway network, various urban transit systems, ports and regional airport expansion projects. Important upcoming projects include the Bosphorus underwater tunnel, and surface metro construction in Istanbul.

International Trade Canada (ITCan) is currently putting together a market study of the Turkish rail and urban transit sector that will provide an overview of potential project opportunities in this sector. The market study will be completed in 2005 and posted on ITCan's Web site at www.itcan.gc.ca.

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