



Attention: General Government Committee

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Re: General Government Committee GG25.17: Litigation Arising from the Rehabilitation of Section 1 of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway (Jarvis Street to Cherry Street) - Supplier Suspension Status Update

Dear Committee Members:

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of Ontario (“**ACEC**”) is an association representing the interests of approximately 140 member consulting engineering firms (“**Member Firms**”) that together employ nearly 29,000 Ontarians. Our Member Firms prosper and are recognized for their influence and fundamental contributions to the social, environmental and economic welfare of Ontario.

We are writing in respect of the October 8th Report for Action issued by the City’s Chief Procurement Officer and Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Service Division (the “**Report**”) in response to City Council’s request for a recommendation regarding the potential suspension of WSP Canada Inc. (“**WSP**”) from City contracts and subcontracts pursuant to the City’s Supplier Suspension Procedure.

Suspension of a consultant pursuant to the Supplier Suspension Procedure is a serious action that can carry substantial implications for the consultant’s business operations and reputation. As a result, fair, reasonable and consistent application of the Supplier Suspension Procedure is of great import to the industry and all ACEC Member Firms that work with the City.

ACEC is supportive of the Report’s conclusion and recommendation that a suspension of WSP is not warranted under the circumstances. Use of the City Supplier Suspension Procedure to suspend a consultant in good standing and with a strong performance history with the City for over 80 projects would set a concerning precedent and could give rise to the harmful perception that the Supplier Suspension Procedure will be used by the City to penalize consultants who may find themselves engaged with the City under dispute resolution processes.

As noted in the Report, “it is not unusual for certain contract-related disagreements to arise” and, in ACEC’s opinion, it would be inappropriate for any consultant to be suspended solely because any such disagreement has arisen. This is not the intent of the Supplier Suspension Procedure.

WSP has been an active and important member of the ACEC for several years and is a leader in the industry with over 5,000 employees in Ontario and over 2,200 employees in the Greater Toronto Area.



We are proud to have WSP as a member of ACEC and respectfully request that the City adopt the Report's recommendation.

We are also proud of our collaborative relationship with the City of Toronto and would be happy to discuss the concerns raised in this letter at any time.

Sincerely,

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c.c.: Mayor Olivia Chow
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