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IBWC ANNOUNCES SHORT LIST OF BIDDERS FOR CROSS-BORDER SANITATION PROJECT

Progress being made to help resolve decades-old problem
impacting San Diego beaches

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, (IBWC) announced that three internationally recognized firms have been selected to a short list of bidders for the design, building and operation (DBO) of a bi-national sanitation project to be located in Tijuana. The announcement was made by IBWC Commissioners Carlos Marin, of the U.S. Section, and Arturo Herrera, of the Mexican Section, who added that significant progress had been made in negotiations with various governmental bodies in Mexico.

“We are committed to moving forward with the Minute 311 Sanitation Project, also known as the Bajagua Project,” said Marin.

The short list of the top three respondents to a recently completed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the DBO contract are (in alphabetical order):

- Earthtech, Mexico
- Inima
- Veolia

“These short-listed companies are some of the most experienced and respected in the business,” said Herrera. “We could not have hoped for a more qualified group of bidders to provide proposals to design, construct and operate the Minute 311 plant. Officials from all the agencies in Mexico involved in this project are confident these

proven experts will provide a plant that will meet and surpass the expectations of both governments in treating this sewage to all applicable U.S. and Mexico clean water standards,” he continued.

The short-listing will kick off the process in which the bidders will prepare and submit proposals and budgets for the Minute 311 plant.

The Mexican Section also announced that significant progress has been made on locating the project on federal property in the City of Tijuana. “The various agencies responsible for the location and appropriate zoning for the land have been working diligently to prepare for the next stage in development of the Minute 311 Sanitation Project,” said Herrera. “We have been informed by the governing agencies that the land for both the plant and the pipelines is available for use and that they are ready to proceed.”

The project, authorized by an agreement of the IBWC known as Minute 311, provides for construction in Mexico of a wastewater treatment plant to treat 59 million gallons per day of sewage.

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