



# Groundbreaking

## WORKSAFELY's commitment to safety continues to grow

Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's (MHCA) strong commitment to creating a safer heavy construction industry continues with the hiring of two new talented and experienced **WORKSAFELY**™ team members.

He has a solid understanding of the heavy construction industry and the Certificate of Recognition™ (COR™) program. Eager to make a difference and bring superior customer service to MHCA members and COR™ certified contractors in the Western Region, Floyd is experienced and effective at working with municipal governments in regions across Manitoba. Floyd and his wife Paige have two children, Victoria and Ashur.

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*WORKSAFELY's Floyd Buhler*

**Floyd Buhler**, of Kenton, Manitoba, will join our **WORKSAFELY**™ team effective September 4, 2012. Floyd will assume the responsibilities as **WORKSAFELY**™ Safety Advisor serving Brandon and the Western Region of the Province. Floyd is currently the Chief Administrative

Officer of the RM of Wallace, MB. He comes with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Mathematics and Minor at the University of Manitoba. He has a strong developed background in community activities including coaching, education, training, lobbying and public speaking. He has also served as CAO for the Town of Lynn Lake and currently the RM of Wallace.

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WORKSAFELY's Ed Gregory

MHCA is also thrilled to welcome **Edward Gregory** of LaSalle, Manitoba as the WORKSAFELY™ Safety Advisor, South Region effective July 25, 2012. Ed is a very personable individual who comes to us with considerable experience in risk management.

Furthermore, Ed is a seasoned loss prevention professional with expertise in safety and risk management principles and application. Coming to MHCA from the Western Financial Group, Ed was responsible for conducting physical property and safety inspections of buildings and their systems; producing technical inspection reports, conducting audits, providing loss prevention services, and conducting new worker orientation and training throughout many industry sectors. Highly regarded by his peers, Ed takes extreme pride in

helping employers identify risk, liability and safety exposures. Ed and his wife Sandy have three children, Brooklyn, Bailey and Eddie.

"WORKSAFELY™ and its team members across Manitoba are very proud of the work we've done to keep construction workers safe on the job with the support of our key partner, the **Workers Compensation Board (WCB)**," says **Glen Black**, WORKSAFELY™ Director of Education and Training. "While we continue to develop a well-informed and safer workforce, there is still much to do. Having Floyd Buhler and Edward Gregory on our WORKSAFELY™ team will help us further connect with more construction managers, contractors and workers - creating a safer heavy construction industry in Manitoba."

WORKSAFELY™, delivered by MHCA, is a series of programs offered and supported by our organization to enhance construction safety practices across Manitoba. We provide comprehensive workplace health and safety training and programs under contract with the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba (WCB) and deliver the Certificate of Recognition (COR™) program, Canada's national standard for construction safety programs, is delivered in alliance with the Canadian Federation of Construction Safety Associations.



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## Federal infrastructure roundtable discussions important, says Canadian Construction Association

Kelly LaPointe, Daily Commercial News, Staff Writer

The Canadian Construction Association (CCA) says engaging provinces and municipalities will be valuable in creating a stronger national public infrastructure program.

‘We’re hopeful that engaging the provinces and engaging municipalities ... will produce the results that we need to help continue to generate a stronger and more prosperous economy and meet the needs that we anticipate the economy is going to have of our industry for the next decade,’ said Bill Ferreira, CCA director of government relations and public affairs.

Transport, infrastructure and communities minister Denis Lebel recently launched the roundtable discussions, which will move around the country throughout the summer. They will focus on broad directions and principles for a new long-term infrastructure plan for Canada that will extend beyond the 2014 expiration of the current Building Canada infrastructure plan.

‘Our government is committed to ensuring that Canadians benefit from world-class infrastructure. Our plan will leverage funding from all governments and the private sector, to ensure affordability and sustainability over the long-term,’ said Lebel in a release.

These discussions will engage representatives from the provinces and territories, municipalities through municipal associations, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and other key stakeholder groups.



MHCA President, Chris Lorenc (second from right) with Minister of State (Transport) Steven Fletcher and other LTIP Roundtable speakers last week in Winnipeg.

CCA will not be involved with the regional roundtables, but expects to be consulted at some point in the process. CCA has identified three major points which it says are critical in the development of a long-term infrastructure plan.

First, the current state of infrastructure needs to be identified, said Ferreira. Secondly, it’s important to address the most critical priorities. ‘Government really should be focused on those priorities and those infrastructure projects that are going to generate the most economic spinoffs,’ he said, citing examples like road projects, rail projects, expansion of border facilities and new bridges.

Lastly, it’s important to have long-term funding so industry can plan. Ferreira said when there is short-term funding, the industry ramps up just as the program winds down, which can drive up costs due to scarcity of labour. ‘What we’d like is a long-term plan that will give the industry and other stakeholders the kind of consistency and predictability that they need to ensure that they can meet the demands of the program.’ The \$33-billion Building Canada Plan, which began in 2007, was the country’s first long-term plan for public infrastructure.

The FCM says it’s time to start fixing Canada’s broken system. The federation notes that Canada’s system is ‘broken’ as local governments build and repair over half of all public infrastructure while collecting on average of eight cents of every tax dollar. ‘Canada is at a tipping point: either we continue moving forward with the job of rebuilding our municipal infrastructure or we will fall behind as crumbling infrastructure costs our economy jobs and investment,’ said FCM president Karen Leibovici in a release.

‘With close to \$2 billion in federal-municipal funding set to expire in 2014, federal, provincial and territorial governments must protect and build on recent investments in municipal infrastructure.’

Michael Atkinson, CCA president, is one of three vice-chairs sitting on the FCM’s Municipal Infrastructure Forum (MIF), which aims to create a consensus about what the future program should look like before they present to the federal government.

**To view MHCA's full LTIP recommendations, click:**

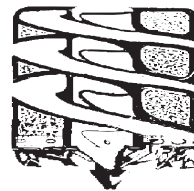
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## Winnipeg Schedule:

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COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	July 9-10	August 13-14
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	July 11	August 15
COR™ Auditor	July 12-13	August 16-17
Safe Work Procedures	July 16	August 20
Prime Contractor	July 17	August 21
Back Injury Prevention (1/2 day AM)	July 18	August 22
Fatigue Management (1/2 day PM)	July 18	August 22
Toolbox Talks (1/2 day AM)	July 19	August 23
Safety Administrator (1/2 day PM)	July 19	August 23
New Worker Orientation (1/2 day AM)	July 23-24	August 24
Train the Trainer	July 25	August 27-28
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	July 25	August 29
TDG (1/2 day PM)	July 26	August 29
COR™ Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)	July 27	August 30
Excavation & Trenching (1/2 day AM)	July 27	August 31
Flagperson (1/2 day PM)	July 7	August 31
First Aid 1- CPR		August 31

To Register: Email: [sarah@mhca.mb.ca](mailto:sarah@mhca.mb.ca) OR Fax: 204-943-2279

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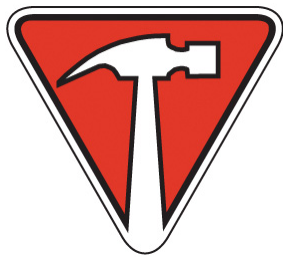
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## SAFE Work Workshops are good for business



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Preventing workplace injuries is the most effective way to protect workers and control an employer's workers compensation costs. The SAFE Work Services team at the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba is here to help. They offer a number of free workshops throughout the year that address important topics for employers.

"The workshops run throughout the year and cover key areas, such as WCB Basics, Return to Work Basics and Injury Prevention Basics," explains Dwight Doell, Acting Director of SAFE Work Services. "Last year, we witnessed a huge interest in our Injury Prevention Basics workshop with 250 participants. Since 2008, we've had over 1,150 participants attend the WCB Basics."

The third workshop is also a perennial favourite. The Return to Work (RTW) Basics has reached over 900 participants since 2009. For employers, a RTW program can improve recovery, facilitate safe and timely return to work and prevent other injuries. The best RTW programs involve participation, meaningful and safe work, communication and proactive early intervention.

If you've ever wondered what the benefits to a RTW program are, here's what an effective program can deliver:

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- » Reduce costs associated with training and recruiting replacement staff
- » Maintain productivity and team dynamics
- » Reduce the costs of injuries and WCB premiums
- » Meet legal requirements related to WCB legislation
- » Improve workplace morale

To register online for any of the workshops, visit the Events page on [www.safemanitoba.com](http://www.safemanitoba.com). For more information on Return to Work Basics, WCB Basics or Injury Prevention Basics, contact WCB's SAFE Work Services at [safework@wcb.mb.ca](mailto:safework@wcb.mb.ca) or by phone at 204-954-4501 or toll free 1-800-362-3340.

## U.S. economy is rolling along

Peter G. Hall, EDC Vice-President and Chief Economist



Peter G. Hall



The searing heat of the 2012 summer has its equal in the temperature of the debate on the US economy. Nascent slowing in certain key indicators has provoked the bears and led to a flurry of downward revisions to forecasts. Others maintain that momentum is still there. Confusion is combining with the inordinate persistence of pessimism to shroud the near term in a thick haze. At the same time, there is good news – certain measures of current activity are doing reasonably well.

Analysts often look to an economy's transportation sector as a gauge of overall performance. Summer sees a lot of personal transportation, but it's really the business flows that are critical. Across the different key modes – air cargo, port activity, rail and trucking – there is still a decent amount of growth to date, suggesting that business activity continues to roll along at a respectable pace.

Shipments by air seem to be the most vibrant among all modes. Data only extend through March of this year, but are very impressive. Eastern airports saw a 24 per cent annualized gain in the past six months, with the most recent months being the strongest. By the same measure, Los Angeles was up 29 per cent, and Chicago up 40 per cent. Cargo traffic is measured in tonnes, so all calculations are net of price movements. These figures are a lot stronger than recent news on the economy suggest.

Growth in other modes is more modest, but still speaks of underlying business strength. Container shipments at West Coast ports are up 4.3 per cent over last year's levels. Performance has been volatile in recent months, but the trend is still pointing upward. East Coast activity is not as impressive, coming in flat on a year-to-year basis, likely reflecting European weakness.

Rail traffic is mixed, but on balance, the story is upbeat. Second-quarter intermodal traffic is up 4.2 per cent compared with last year's figures, and the April-June figures were up by an annualized 6.6 per cent over the previous quarter. Carloads have not fared as well, but weakness is largely attributable to lower foodstuff shipments – the result of weaker 2011 crops – and a 13 per cent drop in coal shipments. In contrast, petroleum product shipments are up almost 50 per cent, and auto industry shipments have risen 24 per cent in the past 12 months.

Figures are more modest for trucking. Inflation-adjusted year-on-year growth is decent, at 4.1 per cent, but the latest months show a flattening trend. However, businesses seem sanguine about the most recent figures; heavy-duty truck sales, a well-regarded business activity barometer, are up 27 per cent over last year, and rose 14 per cent in the second quarter alone.

All told, the numbers are encouraging. Business flows seem to be maintaining a rhythm that suggests recent slowdown hype may be overblown. It may be argued that these flows may just end up in inventories – a possibility, but unlikely, given current just-in-time inventory technology and widespread economic pessimism. What these numbers, along with other key indicators, seem to be reinforcing is the underlying momentum in US economic growth.

The bottom line?

Bashing the U.S. economy is a popular sport at the moment. Here's another set of indicators that at least give pause for thought on the present avalanche of gloom and doom.

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- **CASE Dealers** Awards Breakfast 
- **Aon Reed Stenhouse** Golf Classic at the four-star Disney Magnolia Golf Course 
- Bass fishing derby at Bay Lake

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- **Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers** Canada Night: Celebrate Our CFL 
- **SMS Equipment** Beach Party 
- **Brandt Tractor** Disney's Spectacular *IllumiNations* Show at Epcot 
- **CAT** Classic Evening 

### Workshop topics include:

- Infrastructure Forum – what a long term infrastructure program should be
- Infrastructure investment and its impact on economic growth
- HR Management development strategies
- Private/Public Partnerships strategies
- Personal / Motivation / Laughter

### And so much more:

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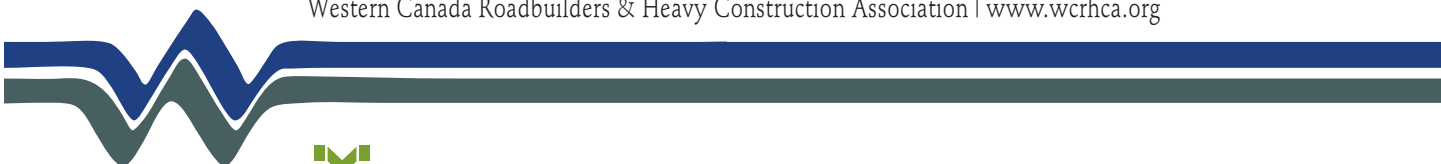
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[www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html)**TENDER NO. 6242 – GRADE, BASE AND BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT**

Location: PTH 1 (New Location – Service Road) Deer Ridge Road to East Jct. PTH 10 Vicinity of Brandon

Tender Availability: Currently Available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, July 31, 2012

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 945-3637

The work involves construction of a service road and a connector road including new grade, granular base course and bituminous pavement, located north of Provincial Trunk Highway 1 between Deer Ridge Road and east junction of Provincial Trunk Highway 10, for a total construction distance of approximately 1.6km, in the municipality of Elton and in the City of Brandon. Major items of work include:

- 5 500 t of Bituminous Pavement, Class “B” (Oils Supplied by Contractor)(Modified)
- 45 500 t of Granular Fill (Modified)
- 25 600 m<sup>3</sup> of Common Excavation
- 468 m of Placing Culverts Groups “A” & “D” (Modified)

**C.O. X15305 – SUPPLY AND FABRICATION OF MISCELLANEOUS METAL**

Location: Bridge over Birch River on Provincial Trunk Highway 1E, located in Section 10-08-13E, in the Rural Municipality of Reynolds, Province of Manitoba, Bridge Site No. 3929-02.

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, August 1, 2012

Owner: Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 945-3773

Project includes but is not limited to:

- Supply, fabrication and galvanizing of bridge railing, deck drains, bearing and expansion joint assemblies and associated miscellaneous metal and materials

**C.O. NO. X03628 – ACCESS REMOVAL**

Location: Various Locations – Rural Municipalities of Miniota, North Cypress, and Town of Carberry

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, August 2, 2012

Owner: Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 726-6800

The work involves Removing accesses and remediation of disturbed areas on:

- PTH 83 – West Side, 0.1km North of PR 355
- PR 351 – North Side, 4.7km East of West Junction PTH 1
- PR 351 – North Side, 1.7km West of PTH 5 in the Rural Municipalities of Miniota, North Cypress, and the Town of Carberry

**C.O. X32011 – DRAIN EXCAVATION AND CULVERT INSTALLATION**

Location: Bass Drain, Vicinity of Malonton

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, August 7, 2012

Owner: Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 467-4722

The work involves 1300m of Drain Excavation (restoring a drain slope) and installation of culverts.

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**TENDER NO. 507-2012 – SNOW CLEARING ON REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREETS AND BACKLANES WITHIN THE NORTH AREA (NORTH)**

Tender Availability: Currently Available

Tender Due: 4:00 PM, August 3, 2012

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 986-2491

**TENDER NO. 506-2012 – SNOW CLEARING ON REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREETS, BACKLANES AND LOCAL SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE EAST AREA (NORTH)**

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 4:00 PM, August 10, 2012

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 986-2491

**TENDER NO. 505 – 2012 – SNOW CLEARING ON REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREETS, BACKLANES AND LOCAL SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE EAST AREA (SOUTH)**

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 4:00 PM, August 17, 2012

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 986-2491

**Flood Projects**

No tenders this week

**Other**

No tenders this week



*Tender  
Results*

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**No results this week**

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**TENDER NO. 374-2012 – 2012 SEWER RENEWALS BY CIPP LINING, CONTRACT 9**

Closing: July 19, 2012

Results:

Insituform Technologies Ltd. \$2,392,491.50

\*Capital Sewer Services Inc. \$2,781,975.00