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Bill 13 – *THE PUBLIC SECTOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (TENDERING) ACT*

Winnipeg Construction Association

The Winnipeg Construction Association, established in 1904, represents the commercial construction industry in Manitoba. Our member firms include general contractors, sub-contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, financial institutions, lawyers, insurance and bonding companies and brokers. ***This includes both unionized and open-shop contractors.*** These members deliver \$2 billion worth of high-quality, cutting-edge industrial, commercial and institutional buildings for Manitoba annually.

The WCA has been proudly serving the ICI construction industry in Manitoba for over 115 years with an independent and reasoned approach to policy and government affairs. Our diverse membership base is our strength, delivering policy and advocacy priorities which are member driven and vetted, always with the focus to serve and promote the construction industry in Manitoba.

All policy advocacy positions are developed in consultation with our diverse membership directly and through our Government Relations Committee. Policy positions are then approved and endorsed through our Board of Directors to ensure WCA positions have an ‘all of industry’ perspective.

Bill 13 – *The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Act*

This Bill ensures that preferential treatment can not be given to construction contractors based on their use of a unionized or a non-union workforce. This is paramount in providing fair and open tendering and ensures there is a greater number of contractors able to bid on public projects.

Competition in the bidding process is healthy. Competition between construction contractors forces the industry to adapt and improve. Competition for projects ensures that project owners have the most options to evaluate against their selection criteria.

The Winnipeg Construction Association supports fair and open tendering – therefore we support this Bill.