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Contract awarded for Next Generation Hydro for Yukon engagement process

Whitehorse—The Yukon Development Corporation (YDC) has awarded the contract for public engagement regarding its *Next Generation Hydro for Yukon* work plan following a competitive procurement process.

"This is a significant milestone as we continue to implement the work plan, which was tabled in the Yukon Legislative Assembly in May," minister responsible for Yukon Development Corporation Scott Kent said. "This important project will bring long-term benefits to Yukon, and I look forward to working with YDC and its new contractor on this essential discussion component."

The contract was awarded to Tipping Point Strategies at YDC's recent Board of Directors meeting. Tipping Point Strategies will assist YDC with critical consultation and engagement processes with its stakeholders, the public and First Nations. Tipping Point has identified specific resources to carry out that work.

"We were pleased to receive several strong proposals," YDC chair Joanne Fairlie said. "The Tipping Point team provided the range of skills, experience and project understanding that is necessary to ensure a dynamic, informed and engaged public dialogue about next generation hydro."

The *Next Generation Hydro for Yukon* work plan identified several deliverables in the engagement process, including community meetings and open houses, stakeholder meetings, a second Yukon First Nation energy forum, a next generation hydro conference and a summary discussion paper.

Under subsection 6(1) of the *Yukon Development Corporation Act*, YDC was directed in November 2013 to plan one or more hydroelectric projects that will meet the expected growth in demand for electric power. Construction of a new hydroelectric facility is expected to be a 10- to 15-year process.

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