

# 2010 Olympics Sea-to-Sky takes home the gold

The Sea-to-Sky Highway improvement program recently received the National Gold Award from the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships. CH2M HILL was the program manager for the development and implementation of the procurement process that successfully delivered

the first public-private partnership transportation project in British Columbia.

The award was established in 1998 to honor governments and private sector partners for demonstrated excellence and innovation in establishing public-private partnerships that benefit the public interest through infrastructure projects.

Sea-to-Sky is the only link between Vancouver and Whistler, both sites of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The current 65-mile, two-lane undivided highway is flanked by the mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Improvements to the highway are taking place in anticipation of the high volume of traffic the road will encounter during the Games.

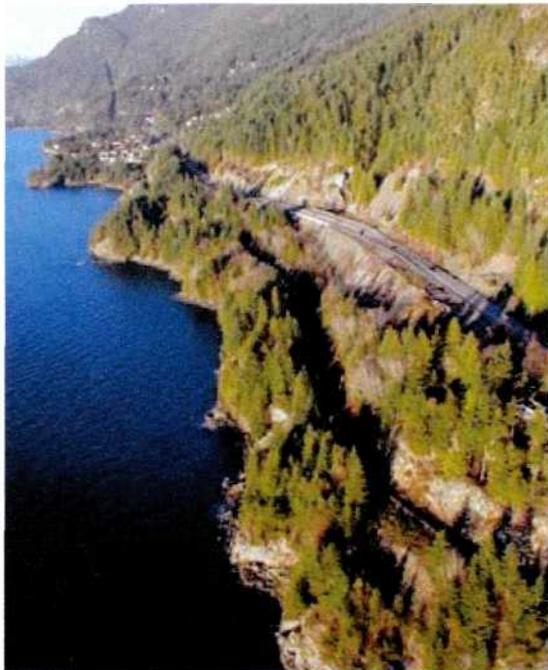
"We were already very pleased at how well this project has delivered innovation and lowered risks and costs to government, and it is even more rewarding when projects are recognized as a national example of how a partnership project can be done, and done well," said Carole Taylor, the BC minister of finance and leader of the province's pursuit of public-private partnerships for infrastructure projects.

"Historically, these types of procurement have not been managed by engineering companies within North America," said Gary Webster, province representative on the project. "So for CH2M HILL to have played such a prominent role in the procurement process on such a critical piece of infrastructure and receive

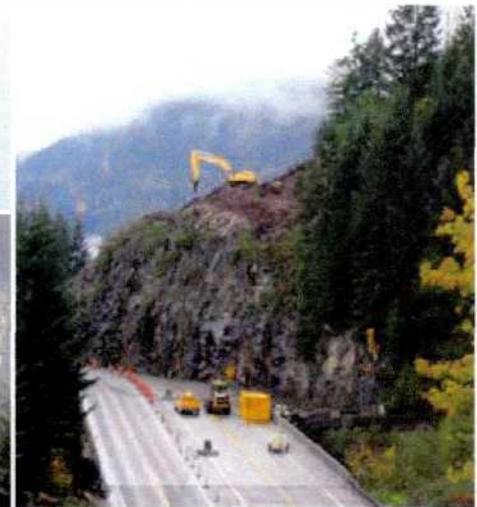
national recognition is really rewarding to the team."

CH2M HILL has an ongoing role in the project, acting as the contracts manager responsible for developing and implementing long-term contract relationships on behalf of the province.

"We believe this (public-private partnership) was successful because we created a process that started setting up the partnership at the start of the procurement stage," Webster said. "This was accomplished by producing a process that allowed for one-on-one interaction between the three bidders and the owner that ensured that guesswork during the bid process was minimized, while preserving a fair and transparent process." CH2M HILL Ltd.



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Sea-to-Sky, a \$450 million (CDN) design-build-operate-finance transportation project will improve the highway linking Whistler and Vancouver in preparation of the 2010 Olympics.