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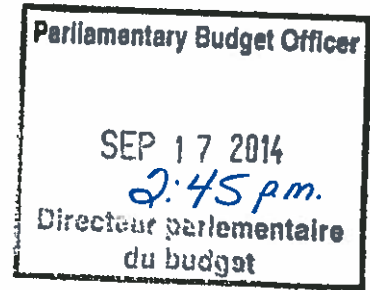
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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your follow-up letter of August 13, 2014 regarding Parliamentary Budget Officer information request IR0160 regarding the request for proposals (RFP) for the New Bridge for the St. Lawrence Corridor Project. In your letter, you requested Appendix K and Volume 2 (draft project agreement) of the RFP.

You further indicated that this additional information would be useful to the analysis the Parliamentary Budget Officer is currently undertaking. At the time of your initial request Appendix K was not available as it had not been completed. It has since been released to the proponents and, as such, we are now able to provide you with a copy.

While we maintain the view that the requested information will not contribute to the Parliamentary Budget Officer's analysis of the financial cost of the New Bridge for the St. Lawrence Corridor Project—as it does not contain financial or economic data—we are also providing a copy of Volume 2 (draft project agreement) of RFP QA002-14-2501/A on a voluntary basis. Please note that certain annexes in Volume 2 are still being drafted and as a result are not yet available.

As mentioned in our previous correspondence, the RFP (Volumes 1 and 2) may be amended as a result of ongoing and planned

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consultations with the three selected proponents during the RFP period; consequently, we request that the RFP and related materials be treated as confidential and not released publicly.

Yours sincerely,



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