

## **Important Notice to all Bidders, Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Upcoming Winnipeg School Division Tendering Policy Revisions**

Effective January 1, 2012 The Winnipeg School Division will be implementing a new requirement for the tendering of construction projects. The Division has adopted a **3 year plan** developed by the Province of Manitoba which is intended to enhance workplace safety and encourage apprenticeship training on public funded construction projects. The Winnipeg School Division will phase in the new tendering requirements as follows:

1. Beginning January 1, 2012
  - Bidders and subcontractors must be COR/SECOR certified or enrolled in the program, where the project value is \$150,000 or greater.
  - Bidders with more than 20 employees and all mechanical contractors, bidders and subcontractors must be engaged in apprenticeship training; and
  - Bidders, contractors and subcontractors on selected provincial funded pilot projects will be required to complete the bidder's certification form for opportunities for Aboriginal people.
2. Beginning April 1, 2012
  - Bidders with more than 10 employees and subcontractors with more than 20 employees must be engaged in apprenticeship training.
3. Beginning January 1, 2013
  - Bidders and subcontractors must be COR/SECOR certified or enrolled in the program, where the project value is \$100,000 or greater.
4. Beginning April 1, 2013
  - Bidders and subcontractors with more than 10 employees must be engaged in apprenticeship training.
5. Beginning January 1, 2014
  - All bidders and subcontractors must be COR/SECOR certified.
6. Beginning April 1, 2014
  - All bidders and subcontractors must be engaged in apprenticeship training.

For more information about The Certificate of Recognition Program (COR) and The Small Employer Certificate of Recognition Program (SECOR), please visit The Construction Safety Association of Manitoba (CSAM) at <http://www.constructionsafety.ca>.