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AMO and MPAC partner on search for municipal e-permitting platform

(Toronto) –The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has launched its search for a preferred digital provider of electronic building permits. AMO is partnering with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to identify a digital platform that municipalities can adopt for the building permit process.

Managing building permits electronically can increase efficiency, help streamline approvals, and ensure municipalities capture new assessment in a timely manner. Informed by a member survey and insights from MPAC, AMO has issued a Request for Proposal for an e-permit platform to serve Ontario's municipalities. Bidders have until Friday, July 30 to provide submissions. More information is available on AMO's procurement website: <https://amo.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>.

"AMO is pleased to be working with MPAC on this initiative. Both AMO and MPAC understand the need to modernize the municipal permit process to reduce administrative burdens and costs. We're seeking a solution that can be scaled to help municipalities of any size manage the process from application to final inspection," said AMO President Graydon Smith.

The goal is an integrated e-permitting system that provides a one-stop shop for building permits. It would include permit applications and review, communications with applicants, payment processing, data storage, and coordination with MPAC.

MPAC's role in the process is critical to municipalities. The organization processes about 300,000 building permits annually, updating assessments so that municipalities can accurately recover property taxes.

“Municipalities rely on MPAC to turn their building permits and plans into assessment, and our ability to do that quickly and efficiently helps municipalities realize new revenue,” said Alan Spacek, Board Chair, MPAC. “Working in partnership with the municipal sector to modernize and digitize the building permit process will speed up our work to assess new construction and renovations, helping municipalities fund critical community programs and services.”

The RFP requires the creation of a pilot project. AMO is seeking municipalities to participate in the pilot before it is offered more broadly to the membership. AMO and MPAC will be working collaboratively on the pilot project to evaluate the benefits of e-permitting solutions for the municipal sector.

Since the 2017 release of *#OnMuni Online: Towards Digital Transformation and Opportunities for Ontario’s Municipal Governments*, AMO has been partnering with leading solution providers to offer scalable, affordable, and easy-to-use technologies to help members find ways to be more efficient and reduce costs.

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario’s 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada’s political system.

About MPAC

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities, accountable to the Province, municipalities and property taxpayers through its 13-member Board of Directors. Its role is to assess and classify all properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and regulations set by the Government of Ontario. MPAC assesses more than 5.4 million properties in Ontario, representing more than \$3 trillion in property value. These assessments provide the foundation that municipalities use to base the property taxes needed to pay for community services.

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