

## **Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce says Contract will Help Sustain and Grow our Economy**

The Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce is extremely pleased a federal government contract to build military ships worth \$25 billion will be done in Halifax. The Chamber has been firmly behind Irving Shipbuilding's bid since the very beginning and is confident that, with a contract of this size, the impacts will be felt all across Nova Scotia.

"The sheer size of this contract means the impact on all of Nova Scotia is huge," says NSCoC President Chris Atwood. "Our province needs this work and the direct and indirect jobs that will come with it. This has massive implications for the entire provincial economy and will impact all three Maritime Provinces. Also, as stated in Irving's bid, this was the only submission that had a major impact on Canada's economy as a whole."

The NSCoC is convinced the ripple effects will mean work and spin-off effects for businesses from one end of Nova Scotia to the other. It will help in sustaining and growing our economy for many years to come.

"This is an historic announcement for Nova Scotia," says Atwood. Those involved in the bid process and all citizens should be proud of what has and will be accomplished."

Atwood adds the winner appears to have been chosen in a completely fair and transparent way and any suggestions that politics entered into the decision should be pushed aside. Irving Shipbuilding, its employees and all Nova Scotians should be pleased to celebrate a big and much-deserved win.