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## St. Lawrence Seaway: Issues and Options

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The team turned to competition as a method to produce a better transportation system that keeps invasive species out while inviting business in. The team identified world experts to develop the plan for the competition; gathered background information on the present transportation system, regional economy, and threats of invasive species; developed a background package for “bidders” to use in preparing submissions; and planned a process to solicit, review and select a portfolio of options for the most promising transportation alternatives. This work paved the way for a [second-phase project](#) to protect the region’s economic and environmental health through competition.