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On Sept. 8 in Buenos Aires, officials reported that 127 companies from 19 nations expressed interest in building a 50-km. bridge over the Rio de la Plata, linking Buenos Aires and the Uruguayan city of Colonia. Argentine and Uruguayan officials announced on Sept. 12 a list of 10 companies who qualified in the first phase of the bidding process. The "most interested" contractor/engineering firms are Dumez-Impregilio (France-Italy), Transfield (Australia), Smith Barney (US), Europistas (Spain), Ballast Nedam (Holland), Dredging (Belgium) and William Halcrow (Britain). Total cost is estimated at between US$800 million and US$1 billion. The five-year construction project is scheduled to get underway in late 1994. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 09/08/92, 09/12/92)

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