The Normandy Bridge - The Contractors

Contractors from the region and all over Europe took part in building the Normandy bridge. Once the project has been launched, it is the turn of the contractors to take the stage. For the Normandy bridge, the contractors were drawn from all over Europe and often operated in groupings.

Preparatory works: regional contractors
Contractors have the vital function of constructing each part of the structure. They must therefore be able to offer a sufficiently wide range of skills to be able to construct a bridge of this complexity. For the Normandy bridge, calls for tender were issued in two phases. This made it possible to extend the competition for the preparatory work to regional companies. The Northern access dyke, the temporary folding bridge to provide access to the mudflats and the artificial island for protecting the Northern tower were constructed in this way. During the year this took the major contracts were negotiated.

Construction of the bridge: companies from France and Europe
Construction of the bridge involved two separate contracts, one for the concrete sections and the other for the central span and the stay cables. Three groupings tendered for the concrete members, and two of these groupings included most of the major French companies. For the metal construction, five contractors from different countries in Europe (France, Germany, United Kingdom, Denmark) were selected. In view of the complexity and profoundly innovative nature of the project, these companies, which were often extremely specialized, worked in groupings.

The contractors and their design departments
A large number of contractors participated in the construction of the bridge. It is therefore only possible to list the main firms.

Preparatory works
Northern dyke: Tinel (Bolbec, Seine Maritime)
Southern approach embankment: Le Foll (Eure)
Temporary folding bridge: Chantiers Modernes
Northern island: Quillery (regional office)
Scour protection: Tinel-Draf lunar Grouping
Environmental works: Chognot (and Tinel-Draf lunar for the sill)
• **Bridge construction**
  A grouping of firms (G.I.E. pont de Normandie): Bouygues, Campenon Bernard, Dumez, G.T.M., pie, Quillery, Sogea (France)
  Monberg and Thorsen (Denmark)
  Stay cables and prestressing: Freyssinet international (France)
  Assembly of the central steel span: SDEM (France)
  Manufacture of the central steel span: Münch - Lozai (France)
  Manufacture and assembly of the steel masts: Socométal (France)
  Foundations: Bilfinger Berger (Allemagne)