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Subject: **M & O**
State WIN: 018819.00
Location: **Falmouth**
Amendment No. 4

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: You now state that the lane width for stage construction will be determined during a discussion between the contractor and the Resident. Are you deleting the note on sheet 1 that states the lane width must be 11'?

Response: No, the Maintenance of Traffic note on sheet 1 of the plans states "Maintain one 11' - 0" wide lane of alternating two-way traffic on the **approaches** using traffic signals when possible." The 11' - 0" reference is for the approaches not the structure.

Question: The lead time stated by (3) suppliers is at least six weeks for the pressure treated timbers, meaning your work schedule is not possible. Will the DOT order the timbers now to alleviate this problem?

Response: No, that will be the Contractor's responsibility after contract award.

Question: Amendment # 2 says the bottom flange of the main girders is 18" wide. Are the P1 and P2 plates designed to overhang the top flange to allow clearance on the wider bottom flange?

Response: The P2 saddle plates as indicated on sheet 9 of the plans are 24" long to accommodate the 18" flange in the flared flange area. The P1 plates are not located in the flared flange areas.

Question: BI 0230 FLAGGER has an approximate bid quantity of 960 hrs. This is extremely disproportionate to the actual scope of work of the Project. As this promotes competitive contractors to unbalance their bid, could the Proposal Schedule of Items be reissued with Approximate Quantity for FLAGGER adjusted to be more in line with the actual hours that will be required?



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Response: No, the quantity is based on a stage construction situation that would require a much longer duration of project should the Contractor not utilize the optional bridge and causeway closure period in February. MaineDOT reviews all bids prior to award to verify that the bid is not unbalanced.

Question: Can the MaineDOT provide enough information about the location of the MaineDOT supplied Plate Girders in the Presque Isle Maintenance Lot to size a crane?

Response: The lot is at 6 Mapleton Road, Presque Isle. The beams are located at the southeast corner of the lot. A layout of the lot can be found on Google Earth or equivalent aerial mapping program.

Question: Does any of the MaineDOT furnished steel have coatings with lead based paint?

Response: There is no known lead paint on the steel supplied by MaineDOT.

Question: The delivery of the pressure treated timbers is 6-7 week after a receipt of an order making a February bridge closure ineffective. Are there any other time frames bridge closures are possible?

Response: No, all work shall be completed as specified in the Contract.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on **December 31, 2014.**

Sincerely,



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