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Attention: Prospective RFQ Proposers

Subject: Howland, Piscataquis Bridge Design-Build Project (MaineDOT PIN 15635.00) – Answers to RFQ Questions

The following are answers to questions received on the RFQ as of the date of this correspondence. Any further questions must be received on or before May 13, 2009, no later than 1:00 PM (EDT). Responses to future questions will be posted on or before May 20, 2009. **Please note revised dates.**

Q: Even though the HNTB Feasibility Study recommended Alternative 5, the RFQ indicates that the project will move forward with Alternative 2A. Is this correct that alternative 2A will be the only option that will be designed and constructed?

A: As the RFQ is currently written, that would be correct; however, we are in the process of amending the RFQ to include the downstream alignment as an option. MicroStation files for the downstream alignment have been added to the project website at <http://www.state.me.us/mdot/hdb/documents.htm>.

Q: Will the project require the building and removal of the 4 temporary ramps on I-95 on Medford Road to serve as a detour route or will traffic need to be maintained on the existing bridge either all the time or during certain periods?

A: No, traffic is expected to either be maintained on a temporary bridge or on the existing bridge, depending on where the new bridge is to be located. The RFQ is in the process of being amended to include the downstream alignment as an option that will allow traffic to be maintained on the existing bridge during construction.

Q: The Department held a Public Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Howland Town Hall. Is the color plan that was used for that meeting available for viewing?

A: The color plan was left with the town officials at the Howland Town Hall. They may be contacted to see if it is still available for viewing. The colored aerial photograph used in the color plan has also been posted on the project website at <http://www.state.me.us/mdot/hdb/documents.htm>.



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Q: Are there any meeting notes available from the recent utility coordination meeting held prior to, and referenced during, the Public Informational Meeting held on February 24, 2009?

A: Yes. They have been posted on the project website at <http://www.state.me.us/mdot/hdb/documents.htm>.

Q: Our understanding of past MaineDOT design/build projects is that the D/B Team is responsible for construction quality control and MaineDOT is responsible for construction quality assurance. In Section 5.2.2.2.2 of the RFQ, one of the key positions noted for the D/B Team is that of Construction Quality Assurance Manager. Does MaineDOT intend to have the D/B Team be responsible for overall construction quality assurance? If so, what role will MaineDOT have in quality assurance? Also, if the D/B Team is responsible for construction quality assurance, can this be provided by the prime designer or does it have to be an independent firm/entity?

A: We expect that the Design-Builder will be responsible for QC and the Department will be responsible for QA. The RFQ is in the process of being amended to update the QC/QA requirements.

Q: Can the construction quality managers have other assigned tasks as part of the contractor's forces?

A: No, they cannot.

Please consider these questions and answers in preparing your SOQ for this Project. SOQ submission shall be on or before 1:00 PM (EDT) on May 27, 2009. **Please note revised date.**

As mentioned above, the RFQ is currently in the process of being amended to include the downstream alignment as an option and to update the QC/QA requirements. We hope to have the amended RFQ posted to the project website by May 8, 2009 – we will inform all of the registered teams when that happens.

Please refer to the website at <http://www.state.me.us/mdot/hdb/index.htm> for all schedule date changes made to accommodate the RFQ amendment.

Sincerely,



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