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Subject: **Ellsworth**
State Aid Project No: NH-1000(700)E
State Pin No: 010007.00
Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms:

Make the following changes to the Bid Documents:

In the Bid Book, "CONTRACT AGREEMENT, OFFER & AWARD", in section "C" (pages 14 and 18), **DELETE** "**Section 0002 $_____**". Make this change in pen and ink to **BOTH** copies.

In the Bid Book (page 57) **REMOVE** "SPECIAL PROVISION, SECTION 304, AGGREGATE BASE AND SUBBASE COURSE", 1 page dated April 9, 2009 and **REPLACE** with the attached "SPECIAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 304, AGGREGATE BASE AND SUBBASE COURSE, (Aggregate Subbase)", 1 page dated August 30, 1995.

In the Bid Book (pages 90 through 93), **REMOVE** "SPECIAL PROVISION, SECTION 534, PRECAST STRUCTURAL CONCRETE, (Precast Structural Concrete Arches, Box Culverts)", 4 pages dated November 28, 2007 and **REPLACE** with the attached new "SPECIAL PROVISION, SECTION 534, PRECAST STRUCTURAL CONCRETE, (Precast Structural Concrete Arches, Box Culverts)", 4 pages dated June 9, 2009.

The following questions have been received:

Question: Special Provision, Section 304 discusses surcharge if traffic is to be routed over the completed area base course. If the surcharge is constructed of 703.06 Type B, can the surcharge be used to construct the final lift of the shoulder?

Response: Please see the new "Special Provisions, Section 304, Aggregate Base and Subbase Course, (Aggregate Subbase)" added in this amendment.

Question: Please clarify if bid item 304.09, Aggregate Base (crushed) is required to be crushed or if it can be screened. Special Provision, Section 304 replaces Section 304.02 and leads the Contractor to Section 703.06. Section 703.06 references crushed or screened gravel, will either be acceptable?

Response: Crushed gravel must be processed through a crusher.

Question: If pavement that is removed during excavation is reclaimed and mixed with subbase gravel, can it be used as described in Section 203.041 – Salvage of Existing Bituminous Pavement?

Response: No

Question: In the Specifications, item 534.60 states that the membrane waterproofing will be paid for separately under the provided Contract item. There is no pay item for the membrane, will one be added?

Response: The membrane waterproofing is incidental to Item 534.71. Please see the above change to Special Provision, Section 534.

Question: In the specifications, item 534.60 states that the cast in place concrete will be paid for separately under the provided Contract item. There is no pay item for cast in place concrete. Should this be included in the lump sum item or will there be a pay item for this?

Response: The cast in place concrete is incidental to Item 534.71. Please see the above change to Special Provision, Section 534.

Question: Under the Contract Agreement, Offer & Award, part C Price, it separates the bid into Section 001 and Section 002. Could you please clarify what is to be included in each section?

Response: This project has only one section, 0001. Please see the above pen and ink change.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **June 10, 2009.**

Sincerely,

Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer

SPECIAL PROVISIONS
SECTION 304
AGGREGATE BASE AND SUBBASE COURSE
(Aggregate Subbase)

If the Contractor wishes to route public traffic over the completed Aggregate Subbase Course for a period of time greater than 48 hours, the Aggregate Subbase Course shall be constructed with a minimum 50 mm [2 in] surcharge above the design grade. Whenever the surcharge is used, it shall be constructed with material meeting the requirements of Section 703.06(b), Type D Aggregate. Also, whenever, the surcharge is used, it shall be placed on all the Aggregate Subbase Course subjected to public traffic. When the surcharge is removed, it may be placed in driveways, sidewalks, approach roads, or the outer portions of the shoulders. Removal of the surcharge shall be followed immediately in succession by the fine grading of the aggregate subbase and construction of the next course.

The furnishing, placing, maintaining, and removal of the surcharge will not be paid for directly, but will be considered incidental to the Aggregate Subbase Course pay item.

If salvaged bituminous pavement is placed as the top layer of the aggregate subbase course, a surcharge is not required.

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 534
PRECAST STRUCTURAL CONCRETE
(Precast Structural Concrete Arches, Box Culverts)

534.10 Description The Contractor shall design, manufacture, furnish, and install elements, precast structural concrete structures, arches, or box culverts and associated wings, headwalls, and appurtenances, in accordance with the contract documents.

534.20 Materials Structural precast elements for the arch or box culvert and associated precast elements shall meet the requirements of the following Subsection:

Structural Precast Concrete Units	712.061

Grout, concrete patching material, and geotextiles shall be one of the products listed on the Department's list of prequalified materials, unless otherwise approved by the Department.

534.30 Design Requirements The Contractor shall design the precast structural concrete structure in accordance with the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, current edition, by either the Load Factor Design (LFD) or Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) method. The design live load shall be as follows: MS-22.5 (HS-25) for LFD method, *modified HL-93 Strength I for LRFD method. *(modify HL-93 by increasing all wheel loads by a factor of 1.25)

The Contractor shall submit design calculations and shop drawings for the precast structure to the Department for approval. A Registered Professional Engineer, licensed in accordance with State of Maine laws, shall sign and seal all design calculations and drawings. The Contractor shall submit a bridge rating on the Department's Standard Bridge Rating Summary Sheet with the design calculations. Drawings shall conform with Section 105.7 - Working Drawings.

The Contractor shall submit the following items for review by the Resident at least ten working days prior to production:

A) The name and location of the manufacturer.
B) Method of manufacture and material certificates.
C) Description of method of handling, storing, transporting, and erecting the members.
D) Shop Drawings with the following minimum details:

1) Fully dimensioned views showing the geometry of the members, including all projections, recesses, notches, openings, block outs, and keyways.
2) Details and bending schedules of reinforcing steel including the size, spacing, and location. Reinforcing provided under lifting devices shall be shown in detail.
3) Details and locations of all items to be embedded.
4) Total mass (weight) of each member.

534.40 Construction Requirements The applicable provisions of Subsection 535.10 - Forms and Casting Beds and Subsection 535.20 – Finishing Concrete and Repairing Defects shall be met.

Manufacture of Precast Units The internal dimensions shall not vary by more than 1 percent from the design dimensions or 38 mm [1 ½ in], whichever is less. The haunch dimensions shall not vary by more than 19 mm [¾ in] from the design dimension. The dimension of the legs shall not vary by more than 6 mm [¼ in] from the dimension shown on the approved shop drawings.

The slab and wall thickness shall not be less than the design thickness by more than 6 mm [¼ in]. A thickness greater than the design thickness shall not be cause for rejection.

Variations in laying lengths of two opposite surfaces shall not be more than 15 mm [⅝ in] in any section, except where beveled ends for laying of curves are specified.

The under-run in length of any section shall not be more than 12 mm [½ in].

The cover of concrete over the outside circumferential reinforcement shall be 50 mm [2 in] minimum. The concrete cover over the inside reinforcement shall be 38 mm [1 ½ in] minimum. The clear distance of the end of circumferential wires shall not be less than 25 mm [1 in] or more than 50 mm [2 in] from the end of the sections. Reinforcement shall be single or multiple layers of welded wire fabric or a single layer of deformed billet steel bars.

Welded wire fabric shall meet the space requirements and contain sufficient longitudinal wires extending through the section to maintain the shape and position of the reinforcement. Longitudinal distribution reinforcement may be welded wire fabric or deformed billet steel bars which meet the spacing requirements. The ends of the longitudinal distribution reinforcement shall be not more than 75 mm [3 in] from the ends of the sections.

The inside circumferential reinforcing steel for the haunch radii or fillet shall be bent to match the radii or fillets of the forms.

Tension splices in the reinforcement will not be permitted. For splices other than tension splices, the overlap shall be a minimum of 300 mm [12 in] for welded wire fabric or billet steel bars. The spacing center to center of the circumferential wires in a wire fabric sheet shall be not less than 50 mm [2 in] or more than 100 mm [4 in]. For the wire fabric, the spacing center to center of the longitudinal wires shall not be more than 200 mm [8 in]. The spacing center to center of the longitudinal distribution steel for either line of reinforcing in the top slab shall be not more than 375 mm [15 in].

The members shall be free of fractures. The ends of the members shall be normal to the walls and centerline of the section, within the limits of variation provided, except where beveled ends are specified. The surfaces of the members shall be a smooth steel form or troweled

surface finish, unless a form liner is specified. The ends and interior of the assembled structure shall make a continuous line of members with a smooth interior surface.

Defects which may cause rejection of precast units include the following:

1) Any discontinuity (crack or rock pocket etc.) of the concrete which could allow moisture to reach the reinforcing steel.
2) Rock pockets or honeycomb over 4000 mm² [6 in²] in area or over 25 mm [1 in] deep.
3) Edge or corner breakage exceeding 300 mm [12 in] in length or 25 mm [1 in] in depth.
4) Extensive fine hair cracks or checks.
5) Any other defect that clearly and substantially impacts the quality, durability, or maintainability of the structure as measured by accepted industry standards.

The Contractor shall store and transport members in a manner to prevent cracking or damage. The Contractor shall not place precast members in an upright position until a compressive strength of at least 30 MPa [4350 psi] is attained.

Installation of Precast Units The Contractor shall not ship precast members until sufficient strength has been attained to withstand shipping, handling and erection stresses without cracking, deformation, or spalling (but in no case less than 30 MPa [4350 psi].

The Contractor shall set precast members on 12 mm [½ in] neoprene pads during shipment to prevent damage to the section legs. The Contractor shall repair any damage to precast members resulting from shipping or handling by saw cutting a minimum of 12 mm [½ in] deep around the perimeter of the damaged area and placing a polymer-modified cementitious patching material.

When footings are required, the Contractor shall install the precast members on concrete footings that have reached a compressive strength of at least 20 MPa [2900 psi]. The Contractor shall construct the completed footing surface to the lines and grades shown on the plans. When checked with a 3 m [10 ft] straightedge, the surface shall not vary more than 6 mm [¼ in] in 3 meters [10 ft]. The footing keyway shall be filled with a non-shrink flowable cementitious grout with a design compressive strength of at least 35 MPa [5075 psi].

The Contractor shall fill holes that were cast in the units for handling, with either Portland cement mortar, or with precast plugs secured with Portland cement mortar or other approved adhesive. The Contractor shall completely fill the exterior face of joints between precast members with an approved material and cover with a minimum 300 mm [12 in] wide joint wrap. The surface shall be free of dirt and deleterious materials before applying the filler material and joint wrap. The Contractor shall install the external wrap in one continuous piece over each member joint, taking care to keep the joint wrap in place during backfilling. The Contractor shall seal the joints between the end unit and attached elements with a non-woven geotextile. The Contractor shall install and tighten the bolts fastening the connection plate(s) between the elements that are designed to be fastened together as designated by the manufacturer.

Final assembly shall be approved by the manufacturer's representative prior to backfilling. The Contractor shall backfill the structure in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the Contract documents. The Contractor shall uniformly distribute backfill material in layers of not more than 200 mm [8 in] depth, loose measure, and thoroughly compact each layer using approved compactors before successive layers are placed. The Contractor shall compact gravel borrow backfill in accordance with Section 203.12 - Construction of Earth Embankment with Moisture and Density Control, except that the minimum required compaction shall be 95 percent of maximum density as determined by AASHTO T99, Method C or D. The Contractor shall place and compact backfill without disturbance or displacement of the wall units, keeping the fill at approximately the same elevation on both sides of the structure. Whenever a compaction test fails, the Contractor shall not place additional backfill over the area until the lift is re-compacted and a passing test achieved.

The Contractor shall use hand-operated compactors within 1.5 m [5 ft] of the precast structure as well as over the top until it is covered with at least 300 mm [12 in] of backfill. Equipment in excess of 11 Mg [12 ton] shall not use the structure until a minimum of 600 mm [24 in] of backfill cover is in place and compacted.

534.50 Method of Measurement The Department will measure Precast Structural Concrete Arch or Box Culvert for payment per Lump Sum each, complete in place and accepted.

534.60 Basis of Payment The Department will pay for the accepted quantity of Precast Structural Concrete Arch or Box Culvert at the Contract Lump Sum price, such payment being full compensation for all labor, equipment, materials, professional services, and incidentals for furnishing and installing the precast concrete elements and accessories. Falsework, reinforcing steel, jointing tape, grout, cast-in-place concrete fill or grout fill for anchorage of precast wings and/or other appurtenances, cast-in-place concrete, reinforcing steel in cast-in-place elements, excavation, backfill material, and membrane waterproofing will be incidental to the Lump Sum pay item. Pay adjustments for quality level will not be made for precast concrete.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item		Pay Unit
534.70	Precast Structural Concrete Arch	Lump Sum
534.71	Precast Concrete Box Culvert	Lump Sum