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April 23, 2009
Subject: **Ferry Boat Construction**
Federal Project No. FBD-1168(100)X
State Pin No.011681.00
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms:

Make the following change to the Bid Document:

In the Bid Book (page 4), NOTICE TO SHIPBUILDERS, **CHANGE** the date for which bids will be received from April 29, 2009 to **June 10**, 2009. Make this change in pen and ink.

In the Bid Book (page 4), NOTICE TO SHIPBUILDERS, second paragraph, **CHANGE** the fourth sentence to read as follows "Questions received after 12:00 noon on **June 8**, 2009 will not be answered." Make this change in pen and ink.

Minutes of the Pre-Bid Conference are attached.

The following question has been received:

Question: Bid Date – We ask that the Bid Date be moved forward six weeks from April 29th to approximately June 10th.

Response: The bid date has been moved to June 10, 2009. 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



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On April 15, 2009 a Pre-Bid Conference was held at the Rockland Ferry Terminal and those who were in attendance via phone or in person are as follows:

- Paul Pottle	Maine Department of Transportation - present
- Jim MacLeod	Maine Department of Transportation - Ferry Service - present
- Dennis Putansu	Maine Department of Transportation - Ferry Service - present
- Bruce Washburn	Washburn & Doughty - present
- Marcia Blount	Blount Boats - phone
- Robert Sampson	Blount Boats - phone
- Bart Madison	Blount Boats - phone
- Luther Blount	Blount Boats - phone
- A.J. Blanchard	Conrad Shipyards - phone
- Gavin Higgins	Derecktor Shipyards - phone
- Brook Strait	Derecktor Shipyards - phone
- Gerry McGovern	Seaworthy Systems - phone

The questions and responses are as follows:

Q. Hydroford skid with pump, can you make your own or does it need to be purchased as a unit?

A. You can make your own if you like.

Q The nine bid options, should they be priced separately?

A. Yes.

Q. Should they be priced as a fixed price or time and material?

A. Fixed price.

Q. The bid date of April 29th, can this date be extended?

A. Yes, the shipyards should let the Department know what they would like and a single extension will be given that takes into account all of the requests.

Q. There was a question about the bonding and whether it could be done under some type of sliding scale, but the questioner indicated that they would put it into a formal question with more detail. No answer was provided.

Q. The delivery date of 720 days, can it be extended?

A. The shipyards need to propose a time that they can meet if it is not the 720 days and we will consider it.

Q. The table of equipment asks for the items to be priced individually. If it is a fixed price bid, why do you need the details of all the items? This will be very difficult to provide at time of bid.

A. The information will be used to support a payment schedule, but will not be used to evaluate bids. If this is a problem, the department will consider changing the requirement or eliminating it.

Q. Pg 10 of the bid book, asked to look at Article 7 and questioned why we needed audited records.

A. Will review and provide an answer.

Q. Pg 34 of the bid book, asked to look at Article 19 and consider changing the payable items and allowing for some upfront payment.

A. The Department will look at the items and asked if the yards would prefer a schedule of items that allowed for a mobilization or set-up charge and then paid for work as it was completed on a more timely and regular schedule. We could model it after our standard way of paying by using our Standard Specification format. A formal change will be issued.

Q. Asked who and how would the vessel be inspected?

A. There will be a full time person assigned to the project by the Department who will oversee day to day construction and document what is being done. Due to the nature of the funding, this project will be looked at more closely than others. We will also have representation by the Ferry Service and the Designer on a regular basis. Our inspector is not there to tell the yard how to build, but to ensure that the boat is built according to the design and the standards that govern ship building.

Q. Do we need to provide office space for the inspector?

A. Yes. See page 29 and 114.

Q. Wages, how do they apply?

A. There are currently no wage rates that will cover this work, due to the fact that all of the bidders are in different locations.

Q. Is the project fully bonded?

A. Yes. See Article 26 on page 43.

Q. Can we revise Article 30 - Liens on page 47 to reflect more on how vendors might be paid? An example of ongoing purchasing and payments process through-out the life of the contract was given.

A. The Department will look at this provision and consider revising it.

Q. Piping systems are calling for galvanized pipe, butt welds and various other requirements that make it expensive and difficult.

A. Send a formal question in that request a change or other consideration and we will consider it.

Q. Will we permit variations in how the boat will be constructed?

A. Yes

Q. Will AutoCAD drawings be provided to the successful bidder?

A. Yes.

Q. To what extent have the lines been "Faired up"?

A. On page 112, it states that it is the contractors responsibility to fair the lines as needed.

Q. Are there to be no changes to the major design?

A. We want the boat as designed, no major changes.

Q. What about equipment, is there an "or equal" or do you want what is specified?

A. Or equivalent is acceptable as long as it meets the characteristics of the listed product.

Q. Shafting's to be ABS approved, if vessel is not classed, this could be a problem. How do we handle?

A. ABS is just for the material.

Q. On the type of material for shafting, may not be able to get ABS certification on the material.

A. Seaworthy will provide an answer to this.