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January 14, 2008
Subject: **Tree Clearing along I-95**
Project No. IM-1570(200) E, HSIP-1570(210) E
Pin No. 015035.00, 015702.00 & 015702.10
Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms:

Please make the following change to the Bid Document.

In the Bid Book on page 22 "NOTES", Change Note #5 to read "The contractor shall call the Resident or designated office daily by 6:00 P.M. to confirm the contractor may proceed with the following day's operations. The Contractor may be prohibited from working for the day or may have the hours of operation restricted due to weather and / or road conditions." Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

Question: How early in the morning can the contractor call the resident about commencing day's operation?

Response: Please see the above pen and ink change.

Question: Will the MDOT resident always mark work areas at a safe distance from cutting equipment? No human on foot can be within 300feet of cutter head.

Response: MaineDOT is not specifying what type of equipment the contractor must use. It is the contractor's responsibility to provide a safe work site.

Question: If the ground fails to freeze this year due to snow pack, may all start and end dates on the contract be changed to reflect ground conditions? Maybe pick another season or year?

Response: Dates for work are as stated in Special Provision 107



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Question: If an arborist working on site note's that a tree is ready to fail outside of the work zone, will the resident add it to the project?

Response: Additional work outside the work zone is not anticipated.

Question: Shall MDOT file intent to harvest with Maine Forest Service?

Response: No, this will be the contractors' responsibility if needed.

Question: Equipment may have a heater hose and require being parked close enough to the travel lane for cold morning starts. How close to the shoulder may equipment be parked over night?

Response: As per Note # 7 "The contractor shall not store equipment or materials within 30' of the travel lanes".

Question: Shall the use of tire chains be prohibited or encouraged?

Response: MaineDOT is not specifying what type of equipment a contractor must use.

Question: If trees blow over into the work zone during the clean up stage of contract, is clean up of such blowdowns incidental to the project or an add on?

Response: Clean up would be considered Incidental

Question: Contactors must have bids in before MDOT marks areas to work. If areas marked include areas of high water table, shallow roots outside work zone may be disturbed. If trees out side of work zone get damaged from project, shall contractors be able to remove them from site?

Response: The contractor needs to make every effort not to damage trees outside the work zone.

Question: If ground fails to freeze and job is impossible to be done as requested, shall the contractor get the deposit back with no penalties?

Response: If the MaineDOT does not execute the contract the contractor will get their bid surety back.

Question: How high can stumps be left? Do they have to be ground down?

Response: In order to reduce resprouts and allow for future mowing, stumps will be left flush with the finished grade.

Question: Can we work on the shoulder safely (loading or chipping wood) without infringing on the travel lane? During clear weather and with proper signs, cones and whatever else would be necessary; will we be allowed to do this?

Response: Equipment may be parked and operated on the shoulder or inslope during permitted work times. The contractor will need to use proper signage and cones as per the MUTCD Highway shoulder closure requirements. Equipment must be within the shoulder and not hang over into the travel lanes.

Question: Will we be able to park a chipping machine and trailer off the side of the travel way adjacent to the interstate as long as it is 8'feet away from the lane?

Response: See the above answer.

Question: Will payments be made upon completion of acreage including clean up and seeding or partial completion such as cutting and chipping debris?

Response: Payments will be made biweekly based on an estimate of total work complete.

Question: If the project goes over its completion date is there anything other than liquidated damages that would reduce the contract amount?

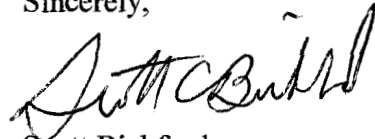
Response: No, just liquidated damages of \$575.00 per day for every day over.

Question: If the project accedes the completion date, will MDOT still be responsible for the weekly lane closure?

Response: Any lane closures on the interstate will be done by MDOT.

Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bids on **January 16, 2008**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Scott Bickford

Contracts & Specifications Engineer