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October 10, 2008  
Subject: **Freeport**  
Federal Project No.IM-1589(200)E  
State Pin No.015892.00  
**Amendment No. 1**

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** I visited the site and the culvert to the north has been buried and is unavailable for field observation. It appears this pipe is filled with earth. What is MDOT's intent? If it is to remove fill, I have many more questions.

**Response:** The intent is to clean out the culvert, remove and dispose of water main, and Slip Line.

**Question:** Can Cross Sections through and across the ends of the buried culvert be provided so that it is possible to calculate the amount of excavation required and possible shoring needed for safe conditions? (The 1:1 slope is concerning).

**Response:** Maine Department of Transportation does not have the Cross Sections requested.

**Question:** There is a sink hole above the downstream end of the buried culvert. If this material has entered this culvert how will the Contractor be paid for its removal?

**Response:** All work to remove material shall be considered incidental to Item 509.201; material removed may be used to fill slope areas such as sink holes in lieu of trucking material off site.

**Question:** If awarded, the Contractor will be able to measure the interior of the two exposed pipes in a timely manner to allow for pipe delivery. However, the buried pipe may not be exposed until mid November, this will not allow a timely pipe order in order to meet the December 10<sup>th</sup> completion date.



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**Response:** The Department believes that all three pipes are the same size and length. In addition, Culvert suppliers have inspected and measured the area and feel confident in the size and length. However, if the Contractor can show timelines that inhibit the ordering or receiving of the culvert pipe, the Department will consider amending the dates by Contract Modification. The 21 Calendar days to complete the work will stay as is.

**Question:** A large area will be required for excavation of the culvert end; does MDOT own a right of way up to the Dam?

**Response:** Maine Department of Transportation owns the right of way. Strict adherence to the BPM Manual and Erosion Control will be enforced.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on **October 15, 2008**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Bickford" followed by a stylized flourish.

Scott Bickford  
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