

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 16 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016

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August 26, 2008 Subject: Porter/Cornish Snow Removal Project No. N/A Pin No. N/A Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms:

Please make the following changes to the bid documents.

On the: "Notice to Contractors" page, (page 11) within the first paragraph, DELETE the existing bid opening date of **August 27, 2008** and REPLACE with the new bid opening date of **September 3, 2008**. Make this change in pen and ink.

On the: "Notice to Contractors" page, (page 11) In the seventh paragraph that states: "If the bid is accepted and the total bid price is greater than \$100,000, performance and payment bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract price will be required". ADD the following statement" "There will be no Bid Bond required." Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received.

**Question:** Do you have a price for salt?

**Response:** Salt price in Region 1 for 2008-2009 is \$66.73

**Question:** With the cost of fuel so unpredictable, is there a built-in fuel adjustment in the contract to cover the possible rise in fuel prices?

Response: There is no "fuel" adjustment in the contract. There is a 2% cost of living adjustment for each year after the initial year. If fuel prices do increase unreasonably during the contract period (as determined by MaineDOT), MaineDOT is willing to consider justification for an increase in addition to the 2% to help offset some of those costs. When preparing a bid, bidders should anticipate a reasonable increase in fuel prices over the contract period and those assumptions may be requested as part of the consideration process for any future request for adjustment related to fuel prices.



Question: Will the Department build up the road around the tracks at the Route 5 depot?

**Response:** We will look at the railroad crossing on Route 5, but will not have a determination on the scope of work, the resources required, or the schedule availability prior to bid opening. Bidders should assume the crossing will remain in its current condition.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on September 3, 2008.

Sincerely

Scott Bickford

Contracts & Specifications Engineer