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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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August 29, 2011

Subject: **Snow Plowing and Ice Control**

U.S. Route 2, Regions 4 & 5

State PIN: N/A

Location: Lincoln, Winn, Mattawamkeag,
Molunkus Twp. and Macwahoc Plt.

Amendment No. 1

David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Are water problems on Rt. 2 from winter rains Contractor or MDOT responsibilities?

Response: If the water problem is not a result of inadequate plowing, it is MaineDOT's responsibility.

Question: Who makes the decision on application rates of materials, Contractors or MDOT representative?

Response: Application rates are generally up to the contractor. However, since MaineDOT is held liable for salt contamination, salt applications that are routinely excessive will become an issue. If salt applications are routinely too low, the level-of-service standards specified in the contract would likely not be met.

Question: Do bidders need to own equipment to bid or is intent to purchase sufficient?

Response: The contractor will need to show that the equipment specified in the bid will be available before the specified start of the winter season. It does not have to be owned prior to submitting a bid.

Question: How long are bidders required to hold price after bid opening?



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Response: Once bids are opened, a Bidder's offer is irrevocable except as provided by Standard Specifications. These conditions include the following durations. The Department has 30 days following Bid Opening to deliver a Notice of Intent to award and the Department shall execute the Contract within 28 days of the Notice of Intent to Award.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on August 31, 2011.

Sincerely,

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

Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer