

Request for Information Questions with Answers
PIN 18117
Downeast Scenic Railroad
Tie Replacement Project
Updated 1/21/12-- #11-16

1. Tamping and regulating scope? **ties installed on mainline between Falls and WJ, contractor to tamp ties installed using existing ballast to maintain current surface. DSRX will tamp and ballast wye tracks.**

2. **Contractor to replace tie plates and spike to correct guage ties marked for replacement only.**

3. Private crossing rebuild on track 11-1/2? **DSRX will remove existing private crossing surface to make ties accessable. Contractor to replace all ties in private crossing on track 11-1/2 using existing rail. Crossing to be fully tamped and brought into surface and alignment to match existing alignment by DSRX. Crossing surface to be replaced by DSRX. No crossing work for RR Siding road.**

- 4 Who supplies the track spikes? **Track spikes supplied by contractor**

5. Who runs out new and picks up old ties for the second part of the project? Will the ties be run out singularly as per the contractors instructions or are they run out in bundles?**DSRX will run out new ties singularly and pick up old ties**

6. What is the definition of disturbed track? It could be argued that installing a tie is disturbing the track. Is it your intention that the track be surfaced behind the tie crew?
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7. Please elaborate on what is to be done at the private crossing. Are we only putting ties in or will we be excavating and rebuilding the crossing? How long is the crossing? Is it planked and if so are the existing planks to be reinstalled? Is this where the maintenance of traffic item comes in or are there other locations where traffic control will be required and why?**Private crossing is approx. 16 ft long. DSRX will excavate private crossing and remove planks. Contractor will replace ties in crossing using existing rail. DSRX will notify landowner of crossing closure. No traffic control by contractor. DSRX will replace crossing planks and roadway approaches.**

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8. is there any Davis Bacon wage scales on this at all? And if so, could you check to see if Flagger are listed, i.e. \$9.00? **YES SEE BID DOCUMENTS, Flagger not needed.**

9. we question the need for Railroad protective Liability Insurance on this project, as standard general liability insurance pretty much covers the same items as RRPL. If you are able to eliminate the need for RRPL, you would realize a savings of \$5000-7500. Please advise. **for a specific RR protective liability policy is no longer required. Contractors still must have a general liability insurance that will cover the Department and yourselves and that policy cannot have a RR exclusion.**

10. Does the railroad have an address? I need it for the bonds.

Mailing:

Po box 950

Bar harbor. Me. 04609

Physical:

8 railroad siding Rd

Hancock. Me 04640

11. is a standard AIA Bid Bond form acceptable stating Downeast Scenic Railroad??

Yes, as long as it is a legal bond and contains similar language it is acceptable. The AIA form is acceptable.

12. The bonding company needs to know if the railroad is the owner obligee or is the State of Maine? **Downeast Scenic Railroad**

13. do you need the bid bond 72 hours in advance? **Bid Bond can be sent with electronic Bid by 11AM on 1/26/12** If I plan on sending an electronic bid do you also need a hard copy of bond for the bid opening on the 26th? **NO present on request**

14. Would a pneumatic spike driver be sufficient? **Yes** Would I still need to pre-drill holes if a pneumatic spike driver is used? **No**

15. Are random trains during the week common? **NO** How far in advance would the contractor be given for these trains? **1 week**

16. Is surfacing included for every tie that is put in? If so, does this require every tie to be tamped and the contractor to supply all necessary ballast? **Tamp ties put in mainline between Washington Junction and the Falls by contractor and maintain current surface using what ballast is there. DSRX will tamp, line and surface all ties put in wye.**

