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April 18, 2013

David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

Subject: On Call Arborist Services
Location: Regions 1, 2, 4, & 5
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sirs/Ms.:

Make the following change to the Bid Document:

In the Bid Document (page 48), **DELETE** paragraph 4 that reads “The Department will provide the necessary traffic control. In the event the Department cannot provide traffic control, Contractors will be asked for quotes to provide the necessary traffic control for the Work, in accordance with Department policy, and this price will be added to the cost of Work and used in the determination of the Apparent Low Bidder.” And **REPLACE** with the following; “**The Department normally anticipates it will provide the necessary traffic control. In the event the Department cannot provide traffic control, Contractors will be asked for quotes to provide the necessary traffic control for the Work, in accordance with Department policy and MUTCD guidelines, and this price will be added to the cost of Work and used in the determination of the Apparent Low Bidder. Typical traffic control requires flaggers, signs and cones.**”
Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

Question: Under Scope of Work (page 45), will prices paid to non-contract holders be made public to bidders in this process?

Response: Bid Archives are available on the MaineDOT internet web site at:
<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/archives/>

Question: (page 46, part 5) Will the department really have a pre-contract meeting? If so, will a synopsis of such a meeting be made public?

Response: The Department does not hold a pre-contract meeting prior to bid opening. However, the Department will contact each contractor that is awarded a Contract to determine the need for a pre-construction meeting. Pre-construction meetings insure contractors understand the Bid Book. The Bid Book is public information.

Question: (page 48 special provisions regarding flagging) Why not use PH 21302130CF, awarded 4/3/2013 for this flagging item?



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Response: Flagging services only covers flagging, whereas traffic control covers items such as signage and cones as well as flagging. In the unlikely event the Department is unable to provide traffic control with their own forces; On Call Arborist Services contractors must provide traffic control in accordance with MUTCD using their own forces or a sub-contractor.

Question: Is the "Daily Mobilization" line item merely the additional cost for staying overnight (hotel, per Diem, etc.)?

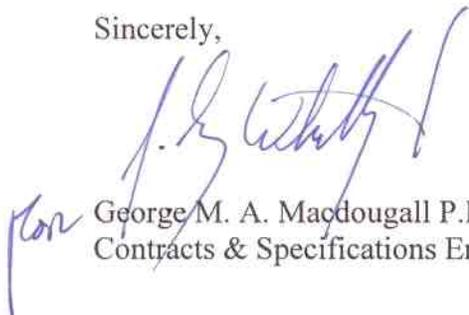
Response: Yes. For example, Pay Item 1 - Two person crew, bucket truck (50 to 60 foot working height) chipper, and chainsaws is compensated for Work each day at the number of hours worked times the per hour Unit Cost quoted for the Pay Item. All Pay Items are compensated each day in the same way. Daily Mobilization is paid in addition to the compensation for Work each day when the crew stays overnight. Daily Mobilization for each Pay Item is designed to compensate the contractor for the cost of overnight stay for the crew associated with the individual pay item as well as for travel to and from Work for each day the crew or crews stay overnight.

Daily Mobilization is available for each Pay Item. If the Department hires Pay Item 1 and Pay Item 24 (Log loader with operator) for a job and both Pay Items stay overnight the Department will compensate the Daily Mobilization for each of the Pay Items in addition to the cost of each Pay Item per hour times the hours of Work each day for each Pay Item.

Daily Mobilization is not paid on the last day of Work if the crew is not staying overnight. In this case, the contractor will be compensated for travel to and from Work at the Hourly Mobilization rate in addition to the cost of each Pay Item per hour times the hours of Work each day for each Pay Item.

Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bid on April 24, 2013.

Sincerely,


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