

**SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION**

**SPECIALIZED BRIDGE WELDING**

**MAINE DOT STATEWIDE**

**NO PIN PROJECT**

**2013**

# **MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

## **STATE PROJECT**

## BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the bid forms with pen and ink.
2. The following are to be completed and returned with the bid:
  - a. A copy of the Notice to Contractors,
  - b. the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form,
  - c. completed and signed Schedule of Items and Worksheet forms,
  - d. completed Contractor Information sheet,
  - e. two (2) copies of the completed and signed Contract Agreement Transportation Related Services,
  - f. any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening, or submittal information stated in Appendix A, IV. Proposal Submission Requirements, #3 Proposal Content.
3. For security and other reasons, all Bid Packages which are mailed or delivered, shall be provided in double (one envelope inside the other) envelopes. The *Inner Envelope* shall have the following information provided on it:
  - Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open
  - Title:
  - Town:
  - Date of Bid Opening:
  - Name of Contractor with mailing address and telephone number:

In Addition to the usual address information, the *Outer Envelope* should have written or typed on it:

- Double Envelope: Bid Enclosed
- Title:
- Town:
- Date of Bid Opening:
- Name of Contractor:

Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope, and should be marked with the following information:

- Bid Enclosed: Do Not Open
- Title:
- Town:
- Name of Contractor:

4. If a paper Bid is to be hand carried, deliver directly to the Reception Desk using the "Public Entrance" which is located on the Capitol Street side of the DOT Headquarters Building in Augusta. If a paper Bid is to be sent express, "FedEx First Overnight" delivery is suggested as the package is delivered directly to the DOT Headquarters Building, Mailroom, in Augusta located at 24 Child Street in Augusta. Other means, such as U.S. Postal's Service Express Mail has proven not to be reliable. If a paper bid is to be mailed, the mailing address is Maine Department of Transportation, 16 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0016.
5. If a bidder needs assistance or clearer understanding of what needs to be submitted or included in their bid documents they may contact Sharon Krechkin at 624-3038 or Bill Doukas at 624-3424. For complete bidding requirements, refer to Section 102 of the Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Specification, Revision of December 2002.

# NOTICE

The Maine Department of Transportation is attempting to improve the way Bid Amendments/Addendums are handled, and allow for an electronic downloading of bid packages from our website, while continuing to maintain an optional planholders list.

Prospective bidders, subcontractors or suppliers who wish to download a copy of the bid package and receive a courtesy notification of project specific bid amendments, must provide an email address to Diane Barnes or David Venner at the MDOT Contracts mailbox at: [MDOT.contracts@maine.gov](mailto:MDOT.contracts@maine.gov). Each bid package will require a separate request.

Additionally, interested parties will be responsible for reviewing and retrieving the Bid Amendments from our web site, and acknowledging receipt and incorporating those Bid Amendments in their bids using the Acknowledgement of Bid Amendment Form.

The downloading of bid packages from the MDOT website is not the same as providing an electronic bid to the Department. Electronic bids must be submitted via <http://www.BIDX.com>. For information on electronic bidding contact Patrick Corum at [patrick.corum@maine.gov](mailto:patrick.corum@maine.gov) , Rebecca Snowden at [rebecca.snowden@maine.gov](mailto:rebecca.snowden@maine.gov) or Diane Barnes at [diane.barnes@maine.gov](mailto:diane.barnes@maine.gov).

## **NOTICE**

### Bidders:

Please use the attached “Request for Information” form when faxing questions and comments concerning specific Contracts that have been Advertised for Bid. Include additional numbered pages as required. Questions are to be faxed to the number listed in the Notice to Contractors. This is the only allowable mechanism for answering Project specific questions. Maine DOT will not be bound to any answers to Project specific questions received during the Bidding phase through other processes.



### **Vendor Registration**

Prospective Bidders must register as a vendor with the Department of Administrative & Financial Services if the vendor is awarded a contract. Vendors will not be able to receive payment without first being registered. Vendors/Contractors will find information and register through the following link –

<http://www.maine.gov/purchases/venbid/index.shtml>

## CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Name and Title Printed)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Contractor Name)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Vendor Customer Number**

### Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Street/PO Box                      City                      State                      Zip**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**phone                      fax                      email**

**Sole Proprietorship - Partnership - (circle one)**

**Corporation – Company - Association - Estate - (circle one)**

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Bids addressed to the Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333 and endorsed on the wrapper "**Specialized Bridge Welding**" will be received from contractors at the Reception Desk, Maine DOT Building, Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine, until 11:00 o'clock A.M. (prevailing time) on September 18, 2013, and at that time and place publicly opened and read. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. The lowest responsive bidder must demonstrate successful completion of projects of similar size and scope to be considered for the award of this contract.

Description: Specialized Welding services for bridge superstructures and associated components.

Location: Statewide

Outline of Work: Contractor experienced in complete joint penetration welds at x-ray level, partial penetration welds and backgouging work is to provide labor, incidentals and/or equipment specified in the RFP to perform welding services for bridge superstructures and associated components. Work will be on an as needed basis.

The basis of award will be determined using the criteria set forth in the Proposal Evaluation section of the Request for Proposal.

For general information regarding Bidding and Contracting procedures, contact George Macdougall at (207)624-3410. Our webpage at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/> contains a copy of the schedule of items, Plan Holders List, written portions of bid amendments (not drawings), and bid results. For Project-specific information fax all questions to **Gail MacMunn** at (207)624-3431. Questions received after 12:00 noon of Friday prior to bid date will not be answered. Bidders shall not contact any other Departmental staff for clarification of Contract provisions, and the Department will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained. TTY users call Maine Relay 711.

**There will be no Bid Bond, Performance or Payment Bonds required with this bid.**

Bid Proposal packages, Contract Bid Books, specifications and bid forms are available at <http://maine.gov/mdot/contractors/>. They may be seen at the Maine DOT Building in Augusta, Maine. They can be obtained at no cost at the Department at 24 Child Street, Augusta, ME, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or may be requested by telephone at (207)624-3536 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

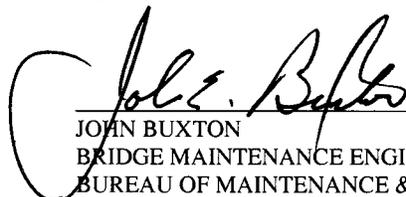
Each Bid must be made upon blank forms provided by the Department.

This Contract is subject to all applicable State Laws.

All work shall be governed by "State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002", price \$10 [\$13 by mail], and Standard Details, Revision of December 2002, price \$20 [\$25 by mail]. They may also be purchased by telephone at (207)624-3536 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Standard Detail updates can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/publications/>.

The right is hereby reserved to the Maine DOT to reject any or all bids.

Augusta, Maine  
August 28, 2013

  
JOHN BUXTON  
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ENGINEER  
BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

**SPECIAL PROVISION 102.7.3**  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BID AMENDMENTS**

With this form, the Bidder acknowledges its responsibility to check for all Amendments to the Bid Package. For each Project under Advertisement, Amendments are located at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/> . It is the responsibility of the Bidder to determine if there are Amendments to the Project, to download them, to incorporate them into their Bid Package, and to reference the Amendment number and the date on the form below. The Maine DOT will not post Bid Amendments any later than noon the day before Bid opening without individually notifying all the planholders.

Amendment Number	Date

The Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby acknowledges that it has received all of the above referenced Amendments to the Bid Package.

CONTRACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title Printed)

CT: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**CONTRACT AGREEMENT**  
**TRANSPORTATION RELATED MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

This CONTRACT is made on the date last signed below, by and between the State of Maine, acting through and by its Department of Transportation (“Department” or “MaineDOT”), an agency of state government with its principal administrative offices located at Child Street, Augusta, Maine, with a mailing address at 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016, and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contractor”) a corporation or other legal entity organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, with its principal place of business located at \_\_\_\_\_, with a mailing address of \_\_\_\_\_, and a telephone number of \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Vendor Customer Number of the Contractor is \_\_\_\_\_.

The following attachments are hereby incorporated into this Contract by reference:

- Appendix A – Request for Proposal for Specialized Bridge Welding
- Appendix B – Special Provisions for State Funded Transportation Related Maintenance Services
- Appendix C – Special Provisions

The Department and the Contractor, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Contract ( hereinafter “Contract”) hereby agree as follows:

**A. The Work.**

The Contractor agrees to complete all work described in Appendix A – Request for Proposal for **Specialized Bridge Welding** and under the terms of the Contract, **Statewide**, Maine.

The Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all supervision, labor, equipment, tools, supplies, facilities, permanent materials and temporary materials and services required to perform the Work including quality control, all required documentation at the conclusion of the project, warranting its work and performing all other work indicated in the Contract.

The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract; payment to be made as provided in the same.

**B. Time.**

All work under this contract may commence two weeks after contract execution date, for a one year period. At the Department's discretion and upon mutual agreement with the Contractor, the contract may be extended, under all the terms of this contract, up to three (3) additional 1 year periods. For each additional year of the Contract, beyond the initial year, a 2% escalation factor shall be added to the unit prices (year two will be bid unit price multiplied by 1.02, year two will be initial bid price multiplied by 1.04 and year three will be initial bid price multiplied by 1.06).

**C. Price.**

The original Contract amount is Thirty-two Thousand Dollars and no cents , \$ 32,000.00. The Contract amount will be determined by the actual work authorized and performed and the prices included in Appendix A. The Maine DOT does not guarantee the use of any or all of the Contract amount.

**D. Contract.**

This Contract, which may be amended, modified, or supplemented in writing only, consists of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002 Sections 101, 102, 103 and 111, Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, Appendices and any amendments, and the Contractor's Proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposal and Contract Agreement. It is agreed and understood that this Contract will be governed by the documents listed above.

**E. Certifications.**

By signing below, the Contractor hereby certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief:

1. All of the statements, representations, covenants, and/or certifications required or set forth in the Bid and the Bid Documents, and the Contract are still complete and accurate as of the date of this Agreement.
2. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
3. The person signing below is legally authorized by the Contractor to sign this Contract on behalf of the Contractor and to legally bind the Contractor to the terms of the Contract.

**F. Agreement.**

The undersigned, having carefully examined the site of work, scope of work, Appendices contained herein for transportation-related services, State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002 Sections 101, 102, 103 and 111, Special Provisions, and Contract Agreement, hereby agrees to supply all the services, materials, tools, equipment and labor to complete the whole of the work in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the prices agreed to in Appendix A.

The Contractor agrees to perform the work required at the prices specified above in accordance with the terms of this Contract and to provide the appropriate insurance.

Contractor also agrees:

First: Contractor agrees to perform extra work, not described in Appendix A, which may be ordered by the Department, and to accept as full compensation the amount determined upon basis as provided in the contract documents.

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Fourth: That this offer shall remain open for 45 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby executes two duplicate originals of this Contract and thereby binds itself to all covenants, terms, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

CONTRACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Legally Authorized Representative  
of the Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title Printed)

**G. Award.**

Your offer is hereby accepted. This award consummates the Contract, and the documents referenced herein.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Name and Title Printed)

Bureau of Maintenance & Operations

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*(Date here)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CONTRACTOR**  
*(Sign here)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Legally Authorized Representative  
of the Contractor)  
*(Print name and title here)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title Printed)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Name and Title Printed)

Bureau of Maintenance & Operations

SAMPLE

**APPENDIX A**  
**MaineDOT – Bureau of Maintenance & Operations**  
**Request For Proposal**  
**Specialized Bridge Welding**

The MaineDOT, Bureau of Maintenance & Operations, Bridge Maintenance Division, is accepting bids to award a contract for providing specialized welding services on bridge superstructures and associated components statewide. A contract will be awarded for a one year period for services and commence 2 weeks after contract execution date. Upon mutual agreement between the Department and the Contractor, the contract may be renewed for three (3) additional one-year periods.

**I. Scope of Work**

1. Contractor to provide welding processes on steel bridges to assist MaineDOT Bridge Maintenance Division with the following types of welding for bridge superstructures and associated components statewide:
  - a. Complete joint penetration welds at x-ray level
  - b. Partial penetration welds
  - c. Backgouging work – removing weldments
2. Unless otherwise directed by the Department Engineer, welding work shall conform to the latest version of the following Welding Codes:
  - a. Bridge Welding Code, AWS D1.5 or
  - b. Structural Welding Code – Steel, AWS, D1.1
3. Unless otherwise directed by the Department Engineer, fabrication work shall conform to Section 504 – STRUCTURAL STEEL, and any referenced subsection, of the latest revision of the State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications.

**II. Requirements**

1. Contractor's employee's must have at least 10 years of experience with complete joint penetration welds at x-ray level, partial penetration welds, backgouging techniques and fit-up work on steel structures as well as practical knowledge of related equipment.
2. Company shall have welding personnel that has extensive knowledge of the following Codes of American Welding Society:

AASHTO/AWS D1.5 Bridge Welding Code  
AASHTO/AWS D1.1 Structural Welding Code – Steel

3. The welding personnel shall have a minimum of at least 10 years relevant practical experience of field welding using the Codes referenced in #2 above, with the following welding processes on steel bridges:

Flux-Core Arc Welding (FCAW)  
Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)  
Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)

4. The welder(s) shall be preferably certified in all positions and experienced in multiple pass full penetration groove welds, such as in joining flanges of I-beam members.
5. Company shall be able to accomplish work within our Department Forces scheduling given reasonable lead time notice (a minimum of 7 days). Company personnel will be working alongside Department Forces.
6. Company shall be able to provide all appropriate hand & power equipment – for cutting, backgouging, heating & welding to accomplish the task of repairing steel bridges. (Heavy duty equipment & operators, such as forklifts, jackposts, scaffolding, etc. will be provided for by the Department). Additionally the company shall be able to provide appropriate consumables and gases to the field work site. These items will be considered incidental to the contract and not paid for separately.
7. Contractor must provide all Personal Protective Equipment needed to perform job duties and comply with applicable OSHA safety standards.

### **III. Assignments**

1. The dollar amount of this Contract is in no way a guarantee that the Department will assign Work for any or all of the total amount.
2. As Work arises, the Department will notify Contractor of the Assignment, the nature of the Work, and any time constraints. Work will be performed as agreed upon for each assignment. The Contractor shall be paid by the hour for each hour Work is performed and for time they travel to or from the project site to provide services to the Department. The total amount of hours will be rounded off to the nearest ¼ hour. Statewide travel is required. If overnight lodging is required and approved by the Department, Lodging & Meal Expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with MaineDOT Administrative Policy Memorandum # 191, Revised 05/11/2011, with no markup.
3. If, the Contractor fails to provide labor or Equipment as agreed upon for an Assignment or Contract, fails to perform the Work with sufficient labor, Equipment, or Materials to assure the timely Completion of Work in accordance with the Assignment, fails to perform Work as authorized for the Assignment, performs Work in an unsatisfactory manner, or fails to meet other contractual requirements, the Department reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination. In this event, the Department may complete the Work with its own forces or enter into Contract with another entity for the Completion of the Work, or use such other methods as in the opinion of the Department are required for to complete the Work.

4. Not all Work will be done under this contract. Work may also be done by the Department. In the event that the Contractor is unable to supply services in a timely manner and there is an immediate need to protect the health or safety of the public or employee, work may be performed by other means not associated with this solicitation.
5. If Default occurs, the Department may give written Notice of Default to the Contractor. Failure to give Notice of Default is in no way a waiver by the Department or any provision of the Contract.

#### **IV. Proposal Submission Requirements**

##### 1. General Information

Bidders shall ensure that all information required herein is submitted with this proposal. Provision of inaccurate information or failure to provide all completed and required information may result in the Proposal being disqualified as non-responsive or receiving a reduced score. Bidders should be mindful of the Evaluation Criteria that are indicated in this RFP and shall provide information in the proposal that will permit an objective evaluation thereof. MaineDOT reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bidder's Proposal must include all items listed in the "Bidding Instructions" and information requested in #3, Proposal Content, below.

##### 2. Proposal Format

- a. Appendix A Worksheet and Schedule of Items in the Bid Book is to be used for bid price submittal qualification requirement information. No variations or alterations are to be made to these worksheets.
- b. Additional information requested in this Proposal should be typed or printed.
- c. Bidder's name should appear on all attachments submitted.
- d. Bidders are asked to respond to each Section below. Number each response of the Proposal to correspond to the relevant section.

##### 3. Proposal Content

#### **Section I – Company's Qualifications and Experience**

- a. Present Company's history and experience of work related to specifically to the Scope of Work in this RFP.
- b. Complete the Appendix A worksheet showing experience and qualifications of Welders who will be performing the Work requested by MaineDOT.

#### **Section II – References**

Submit 3 references – company Name, contact name & phone #, from previous customers that have had similar work performed by your company.

**Section III – Bid Price**

Complete the Appendix A Schedule of Items worksheet. No variations or alterations are to be made the worksheet.

**V. Proposal Evaluation & Scoring**

1. The scores will be based on a 100 point scale. An evaluation Committee will review each Proposal and score on the basis of the following weighted criteria

Criteria	Weight
Proposer’s qualifications & Experience <i>(Includes all elements listed in Part IV, 3, Section I)</i>	45%
References	15%
Costs <i>(Stated in Appendix A Schedule of Items)</i>	40%

2. The contract award will be made to the bidder who receives the Committee’s highest score for following the final review.
3. The Evaluation Committee will be composed of at least 3 reviewers who will judge the merits of the Proposals in accordance with the criteria defined in this RFP. The goals of the evaluation process are to ensure fairness and objectivity in review of the Proposals and to ensure that the contract is awarded to the Bidder whose Proposal best satisfies the criteria of the RFP at a reasonable/competitive cost. MaineDOT reserves the right to communicate with Bidders, if needed, to obtain clarification of information contained in the proposals received. Changes to Proposals will not be permitted during any interview/presentation process.
4. The Evaluation Committee will use a consensus approach to evaluate the Proposals. Members of the Evaluation Committee will not score the Proposals individually but instead will arrive at a consensus as to assignment of points on each category of each Proposal. The contract award will be made to the Bidder receiving the highest number of evaluation points based upon the Proposal’s satisfaction of the criteria established in the RFP.
5. The Cost section will be scored as follows:

Scoring the Cost Proposal: The cost proposed for conducting all the functions specified in this RFP for one year will be assigned a score according to a mathematical formula. The lowest bid will be awarded 40 points. Proposals with higher bid values will be awarded proportionately fewer points calculated in comparison with the lowest bid.

The scoring formula is:

(lowest submitted cost proposal divided by the cost of proposal being scored) x 40 = pro-rated score

6. No Best and Final Offers: The State of Maine will not seek a best and final offer (BAFO) from any Bidder in this procurement process. All Bidders are expected to provide their best value pricing with the submission of their proposal.
7. Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the State of Maine to award a contract, to pay costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request, or to pay costs incurred in procuring or contracting for services, supplies, physical space, personnel or any other costs incurred by the Bidder.
8. Once scores are final, award will be made to the bidder whose proposal receives the Committee's highest score per location. The successful bidder will receive written notification of the award and the results will be posted on the MaineDOT website.
9. The information contained in proposals submitted for the State's consideration will be held in confidence until all evaluations are concluded and the award notification has been made. At that time, the full content of the proposals become public record and is therefore available for public inspection upon request.
10. By submitting a Proposal, the bidder agrees and assures that the specifications are adequate, and the bidder accepts the terms and conditions herein. Any exceptions should be noted in the Proposal. The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals based on the exceptions presented, without obligation to communicate or negotiate with the bidder.
11. The details of the evaluation process will be provided to interested parties, upon request, after selection of the apparent successful proposal.

**APPENDIX A**  
**RFP Specialized Bridge Welding**  
**Schedule of Items**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bid prices must be quoted as specified on this worksheet. The Department will reject bids if any one of the following occurs:** the Bid and Bid Guaranty are not Delivered to the precise location and by the precise time set forth in the Notice to Contractors or any applicable Bid Amendment, the Bid is not signed by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder, the unit or lump sum price for any item is not provided or is illegible as determined by the Department, or the Bid contains any conditional or alternate Bidding language. For a related provision see Standard Specification, Section 102.11 – Bid Responsiveness.

**For clarification, questions, comments/recommendations use the “Request for Information” form as directed in the Bid Book instructions.**

Labor Rates for Welder/Fitter/Mechanic/Equipment Operator:

Item #	Description	Quantity - # of hours	x	Hourly Rate	=	Cost
1	Straight Time up to 8 hours per weekday, except State Holidays	200 hours	x	\$	=	\$
2	Time and one half after 8 hours per weekday and all day Saturdays	50 hours	x	\$	=	\$
3	Double time – Sundays & Holidays, and Work performed between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.	20 hours	x	\$	=	\$

Tools, equipment, consumables and gases required to complete work will be considered incidental to the contract and not paid for separately.

Bidder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print)* *(Legally authorized Representative of Proposer)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



<b>#4 Employee Name:</b>	<b>Indicate what specific bridge project employee has welded with regard to:</b>
Complete Joint Penetration Welds at X-Ray Level <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Partial Penetration Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Backgouging Work – Removing Weldments <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**Below are boxes for each welder employee to be completed out. (Min 1, No Max)**

<b>#1 Employee, _____ has joined the following components of steel bridges in the field:</b>
Flange to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Flange to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Web to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Stiffener to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Brg to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Grating to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>#2 Employee, _____ has joined the following components of steel bridges in the field:</b>
Flange to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Flange to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Web to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Stiffener to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Brg to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Grating to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>#3 Employee _____ has joined the following components of steel bridges in the field:</b>
Flange to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Flange to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Web to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Stiffener to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Brg to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Grating to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>#4 Employee _____ has joined the following components of steel bridges in the field:</b>
Flange to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Flange to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Web to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Stiffener to Web Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Brg to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Grating to Flange Welds <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Additional sheets and information may be attached.**

<b>Welding Truck or Mobile Unit will carry:</b>			
Welder/Generator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	SMAW Equipment
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Leads, 100'+	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	FCAW Equipment
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Tools to repair breakdown of above Equip.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Grinding and Weld Prep Equipment
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Hoses for Backgouging	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Track Torch & Track
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Consumables and Gases	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Other Cutting Equip.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Bidder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print) (Legally authorized Representative of Proposer)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
FOR STATE FUNDED TRANSPORTATION RELATED MAINTENANCE SERVICES

1. **BENEFITS AND DEDUCTIONS** If the Contractor is an individual, the Contractor understands and agrees that he/she is an independent contractor for whom no Federal or State Income Tax will be deducted by the Department, and for whom no retirement benefits, survivor benefit insurance, group life insurance, vacation and sick leave, and similar benefits available to State employees will accrue. The Contractor further understands that annual information returns, as required by the Internal Revenue Code or State of Maine Income Tax Law, will be filed by the State Controller with the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Maine Bureau of Revenue Services, copies of which will be furnished to the Contractor for his/her Income Tax records.

2. **INDEPENDENT CAPACITY** In the performance of this Contract, the parties hereto agree that the Contractor, and any agents and employees of the Contractor shall act in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as officers or employees or agents of the State.

3. **DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE** The Contract Administrator shall be the Department's representative during the period of this Contract. The Contract Administrator has authority to curtail services if necessary to ensure proper execution of the Contract, to take actions needed to assure that the Contractor's Work conforms with the Contract, to decide questions regarding quality and acceptability of Work, to suspend Work, to reject Unacceptable or Unauthorized Work and to refuse to approve Progress and Final Payments until Unacceptable or Unauthorized Work is corrected. The Contract Administrator shall certify to the Department when payments under the Contract are due and the amounts to be paid. He/she shall make decisions on all claims of the Contractor. Unless authorized by the Contract Administrator, other Departmental employees are not authorized to alter or waive the provisions of the Contract or to issue instructions contrary to the Contract.

The Department has the authority to inspect all Materials and every detail of the Work. The Contractor shall provide the Department with safe access to all portions of the Work in Conformity with all applicable OSHA requirements. The Contractor shall furnish the Department with all information and assistance required to make a detailed inspection.

4. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR** All progress reports, correspondence and related submissions from the Contractor shall be submitted to the Department's Project Manager who is designated as the Contract Administrator on behalf of the Department for this Contract, except where specified otherwise in this Contract.

5. **CHANGES IN THE WORK** The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract, the Contract Amount being adjusted accordingly. In no event shall Contractor fail or refuse to continue the performance of its obligations under this Contract because of the inability of the parties to agree on an

adjustment or adjustments. Any changes to the Contract that affect scope, compensation, time, quality, or other Contract requirements shall be by written Contract Modification, signed by both parties.

6. **SUBCONTRACTS** The Contractor is responsible for assuring that its subcontractors have sufficient skill and experience to perform the pursuant to the Contract. The Contractor is responsible for subcontractors that it employs and for coordinating and managing its subcontractors. The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless MaineDOT from and against all claims and causes of action arising out of any act or omission of Contractor's subcontractors, their agents, representatives, and employees. The Contractor agrees to indemnify the MaineDOT and hold it harmless from any claims asserted by, against or on behalf of Contractor's subcontractors. Included in this release is the Contractor's agreement to waive any claims against MaineDOT to recover losses allegedly suffered by a subcontractor. If Work under this Contract is performed pursuant to subcontracts, the Contractor's obligations are not diminished and the Contractor remains responsible for all Work under the Contract.

7. **SUBLETTING, ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER** The Contractor shall not sublet, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of this Contract or any portion thereof, or of its right, title or interest therein, without written request to and written consent of the Contract Administrator. No subcontracts or transfer of the Contract shall in any case release the Contractor of its liability under this Contract.

8. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- a. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment relating to this Contract because of race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation, unless related to a bona fide occupational qualification. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.

Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotions, or transfers; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs or terminations; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- b. The Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertising for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor relating to this Contract, state that all qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.

- c. The Contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of the workers with which it has a collective bargaining Contract, or other Contract or understanding, whereby it is furnished with labor for the performance of this Contract a notice to be provided by the contracting agency, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitment under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- d. The Contractor shall inform the contracting Department's Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator of any discrimination complaints brought to an external regulatory body (Maine Human Rights Commission, EEOC, Office of Civil Rights) against their agency by any individual as well as any lawsuit regarding alleged discriminatory practice.
- e. The Contractor shall comply with all aspects of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in employment and in the provision of service to include accessibility and reasonable accommodations for employees and clients.
- f. Contractors and subcontractors with contracts in excess of \$50,000 shall also pursue in good faith affirmative action programs.
- g. The Contractor shall cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in any subcontract for any work covered by this Contract so that such provisions shall be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

9. **EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONNEL** The Contractor shall not engage any person in the employ of any State Department or Agency in a position that would constitute a violation of 5 MRSA § 18 or 17 MRSA § 3104. The Contractor shall not engage on a full-time, part-time or other basis pursuant to this Contract any personnel who are or have been at any time during the period of this Contract in the employ of the State of Maine, except regularly retired employees, without the written consent. Further, the Contractor shall not engage on this project on a full-time, part-time or other basis during the period of this Contract any retired employee of MaineDOT who has not been retired for at least one year without the written consent. The Contractor shall cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in any subcontract for any work covered by this Contract so that such provisions shall be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

10. **STATE EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT** No individual employed by the State of Maine at the time this Contract is executed or any time thereafter shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefit that might arise therefrom directly or indirectly that would constitute a violation of 5 MRSA § 18 or 17 MRSA § 3104. No other individual employed by the State at the time this Contract is executed or at any time thereafter shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefit that might arise therefrom directly or indirectly due to his employment by or financial interest in the Contractor or any affiliate of the Contractor, without the written consent of the Department. The Contractor shall cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in any subcontract for any work covered

by this Contract so that such provisions shall be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

11. **WARRANTY OF NO COLLUSION** The Contractor hereby certifies that it did not, directly or indirectly, enter into any agreement, participate in any collusion or otherwise take any action in restraint of competitive bidding in connection with this Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, MaineDOT shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability. Further, MaineDOT shall have the right to recover the full amount of such fee, commission, gift, or the value of consideration that may have been transferred by the Contractor in violation of this clause.

12. **RECORDS; ACCESS** The Contractor and its subcontractors shall maintain all books, documents, payrolls, papers, accounting records and information of any type on any medium ("Project Records") that pertain to this Contract for such period as specified under Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices for Community Agencies (MAAP) rules. Upon request by MaineDOT, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall make Work Records available for inspection and must provide MaineDOT with copies at all reasonable times without cost or liability to MaineDOT.

13. **TERMINATION AND FAILURE TO PERFORM** The Department may terminate this Contract with or without cause upon 7 days written notice. Termination of the contract shall not relieve the Contractor of its contractual responsibilities for the work completed prior to termination (including warranty obligations), nor shall it relieve the Surety of its obligation for claims arising from the Work or the Contract. The Department will pay for all accepted items of Work completed prior to the date of Termination at agreed upon prices.

If for any reason the Contractor is unable to complete the work in an acceptable manner the Department may give written Notice of Default to the Contractor, which will outline the required remedies. Any delay by the Department in providing a written Notice of Default shall in no way constitute a waiver by the Department of any provision of the Contract. If the Department determines the default is not curable, the notice of default shall also include the date of termination. Termination of the Contract or portion thereof shall not relieve the Contractor of its Contractual responsibilities for the Work completed.

In addition the Department may enter into an Agreement with another entity for the Completion of the Work, or use such other methods as in the opinion of the Department are required for the Completion of the intent of the Contract in an acceptable and timely manner.

14. **GOVERNMENTAL REQUIREMENTS** The Contractor warrants and represents that it will comply with all governmental ordinances, laws and regulations including all applicable laws and regulations of OSHA.

15. **GOVERNING LAW** This Contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws, statutes, and regulations of the United States of America and of the State of Maine. Any legal proceeding against the State regarding this Contract shall be brought in State of Maine

administrative or judicial forums. The Contractor consents to personal jurisdiction in the State of Maine.

If, in the performance of this Agreement, there arises a dispute between the Contractor and MaineDOT that cannot be resolved by the parties to the Contract, the parties may agree to submit the dispute to non-binding Alternate Dispute Resolution. All disputes shall be governed by Maine law, and all actions shall be filed in the Kennebec Superior Court, in Augusta Maine.

16. **STATE HELD HARMLESS** The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, costs, expenses, injuries, liabilities, losses and damages of every kind and description (hereinafter in this paragraph referred to as “claims”) resulting from or arising out of the performance of this Contract by the Contractor, its employees, agents or subcontractors. Claims to which this indemnification applies include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) claims suffered or incurred by any Contractor, subcontractor, materialman, laborer and any other person, firm, corporation or other legal entity providing work, services, materials, equipment or supplies in connection with the performance of this Contract; (ii) claims arising out of a violation or infringement of any proprietary right, copyright, trademark, right of privacy or other right arising out of publication, translation, development, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data, information or other matter furnished or used in connection with this Contract; (iii) Claims arising out of a libelous or other unlawful matter used or developed in connection with this Contract; (iv) claims suffered or incurred by any person who may be otherwise injured or damaged in the performance of this Contract; and (v) all legal costs and other expenses of defense against any asserted claims to which this indemnification applies. This indemnification does not extend to a claim that results solely and directly from (i) the Department’s negligence or unlawful act, or (ii) action by the Contractor taken in reasonable reliance upon an instruction or direction given by an authorized person acting on behalf of the Department in accordance with this Contract.

The Department's employees and other representatives act solely as representatives of the Department when conducting and exercising authority granted to them under the Contract. Such persons have no liability either personally or as Department employees.

17. **NOTICE OF CLAIMS** The Contractor shall give the Contract Administrator immediate notice in writing of any legal action or suit filed related in any way to the Contract or which may affect the performance of duties under the Contract, and prompt notice of any claim made against the Contractor by any subcontractor which may result in litigation related in any way to the Contract or which may affect the performance of duties under the Contract.

18. **INSURANCE** The Contractor shall provide signed, valid, and enforceable certificate(s) of insurance complying with this Section. All insurance must be procured from insurance companies licensed or approved to do business in the State of Maine by the State of Maine, Bureau of Insurance. The Contractor shall pay all premiums and take all other actions necessary to keep required insurances in effect for the duration of the Contract obligations, excluding warranty obligations.

Workers' Compensation For all Work performed by the Contractor and any subcontractor, the Contractor and each subcontractor shall carry Workers' Compensation Insurance or shall qualify as a self-insurer with the State of Maine Workers' Compensation Board in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Maine. If maritime exposures exist, coverage shall include United States Long Shore and Harbor Workers coverage.

Commercial General Liability With respect to all Work performed by the Contractor and any subcontractors, the Contractor and any subcontractors shall carry commercial general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$400,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 in the Aggregate. The coverage must include products, completed operations, and Contractual liability coverages. The Contractual liability insurance shall cover the Contractor's obligations to indemnify the Department as provided in this Contract. The coverage shall also include protection against damage claims due to use of explosives, collapse, and underground coverage if the Work involves such exposures. The Department shall be named as additional insured on the Commercial General Liability insurance policies carried by the Contractor that are applicable to the Work. If maritime exposures exist, coverage shall include marine comprehensive liability insurance endorsed to include Ship Repairer's Legal Liability insurance.

Automobile Liability The Contractor shall carry Automobile Liability Insurance covering the operation of all motor vehicles including any that are rented, leased, borrowed, or otherwise used in connection with the Project. The minimum limit of liability under this Section shall be \$400,000.00 per occurrence.

Claims. Each insurance policy shall include a provision requiring the insurer to investigate and defend all named insured's against any and all claims for death, bodily injury or property damage, even if groundless.

19. **SEVERABILITY** The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision or part thereof of this Contract shall not affect the remainder of said provision or any other provisions, and this Contract shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision or part thereof had been omitted.

20. **INTEGRATION** All terms of this Contract are to be interpreted in such a way as to be consistent at all times. If the Contractor discovers any ambiguity, error, omission, conflict, or discrepancy related to the Contract, the Contractor must notify MaineDOT of the ambiguity or waive claims resulting from any such ambiguity. In the case of ambiguity the following components of the Contract shall control in the following descending order of priority:

- Contract Agreement, Transportation Related Maintenance Services
- Bid Amendments (most recent to least recent)
- Appendix A – Special Provision Specifications of Work to be Performed or Request for Proposals
- Appendix C – Special Provisions
- Appendix B – Special Provisions for State Funded Transportation Related

Maintenance Services

Any remaining appendices in alphabetical order.

Any remaining Special Provisions

The Department's Notice to Contractors and any amendments

State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002 as updated through advertisement, Sections 101, 102, 103 and 111.

21. **FORCE MAJEURE** The Department may, at its discretion, excuse the performance of an obligation by a party under this Contract in the event that performance of that obligation by that party is prevented by an act of God, act of war, riot, fire, explosion, flood or other catastrophe, sabotage, severe shortage of fuel, power or raw materials, change in law, court order, national defense requirement, or strike or labor dispute, provided that any such event and the delay caused thereby is beyond the control of, and could not reasonably be avoided by, that party. The Department may, at its discretion, extend the time period for performance of the obligation excused under this section by the period of the excused delay together with a reasonable period to reinstate compliance with the terms of this Contract.

22. **FURNISHING OF OTHER PROPERTY RIGHTS, LICENSES AND PERMITS** The Contractor shall acquire, at its sole expense, all property rights outside the Project Limits needed for construction staging, yarding, construction, waste disposal, or other Project-related purpose. The Contractor shall also acquire, at its sole expense, all licenses, Permits and other permissions that are necessary or appropriate to perform the Work that are not furnished by the Department.

23. **ALLOWABLE WORK TIMES** Work can be performed at any time except Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays and state government closure days, unless expressly specified otherwise in this Contract. Holidays are defined as New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If a Holiday occurs on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be considered a Holiday. If a Holiday occurs on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be considered a Holiday. Saturday, Sunday or Holiday work must be approved by the Department. The Contractor is solely responsible for the planning and execution of Work in order to complete the Work within the Contract Time.

24. **SET-OFF RIGHTS** MaineDOT shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, MaineDOT's right to withhold and take possession of monies due to the Contractor under this Contract up to any amounts the Contractor owes to the State of Maine pursuant to this Contract or any other contract, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this Contract, plus any amounts that Contractor owes the State of Maine for any reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. MaineDOT shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State agency, its representatives, or the State Controller.

25. **WORKERS AND EQUIPMENT** The Contractor shall at all times provide all Superintendents, forepersons, laborers, inspectors, Subcontractors, subconsultants, Equipment, Materials, and Incidentals as needed to perform the Work in Conformance within the Contract Time. The Contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices, and protective Equipment and take all other action that is necessary to continuously and effectively protect the safety and health of all persons from hazards related to the Work.

Any person employed by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor or any officer or representative or agent of the Subcontractor, who, in the opinion of the Contract Administrator, is intemperate or disorderly, shall be removed immediately by the Contractor or Subcontractor employing such person. The employee shall not be employed again in any portion of the Work without prior approval from the Contract Administrator. Should the Contractor fail to remove such person or persons as required above or fail to furnish suitable and sufficient personnel for the proper prosecution of the Work, the Contract Administrator may suspend the Work by written notice until such orders are complied with.

All persons employed by or through the Contractor, except for registered trainees, shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Work properly. The Department may require that the Contractor discharge any such person who the Department determines jeopardizes safety of any person or the Project without cost or liability to the Department. If the Department determines that such person's performance jeopardizes the intent of the Contract otherwise, the Department may, but is not required, to notify the Contractor of such a determination. Such notice, or lack thereof, does not affect the Contractor's duties regarding Workers. Upon Receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall take any action it determines necessary to fulfill its obligations under the Contract.

26. **ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**

Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control If the Work involves excavation or placement of soil, the Contractor shall stabilize the area on a daily basis and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, permit requirements and conditions.

Hazardous Materials If the Contractor encounters any condition that indicates the presence of uncontrolled petroleum or hazardous Materials, the Contractor shall immediately stop Work, notify the Department, treat any such conditions with extreme caution, and secure the area of potential hazard to minimize health risks to Workers and the public, and to prevent additional releases of contaminants into the environment. Such conditions include the presence of barrels, tanks, unexpected odors, discoloration of soil or water, an oily sheen on soil or water, excessively hot earth, smoke, or any other condition indicating uncontrolled petroleum or hazardous Materials. The Contractor shall continue Work in other areas of the Project unless otherwise directed by the Department. The Contractor shall comply with all federal, State, and local laws concerning the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of uncontrolled petroleum or hazardous Material.

Waste Materials All waste materials shall be disposed of in accordance with all federal, State, and local laws.

Environmental Non-compliance - Remedies and Costs The Contractor shall be in non-compliance if it, or Subcontractors at any tier, fail to comply with the terms of this Contract or any applicable environmental or land use law or regulation including Project specific permit conditions.

If the Contractor is in non-compliance, the Department may, at its discretion:

- A. Withhold all Progress Payments, or any portion thereof, during the period the Contractor is in non-compliance;
- B. Remedy such non-compliance using State forces or another Contractor and deduct all costs incurred by the Department from Progress Payments. Such costs include direct costs, Project Engineering costs, and Contractor costs from amounts otherwise due the Contractor, and/or
- C. Suspend the Work for cause and without cost or liability to the Department. Said suspension shall continue until the Contractor has addressed all non-compliance issues as directed by the Department.

The Contractor shall be responsible for any fines and penalties assessed by environmental or land use regulatory agencies due to such non-compliance. Such penalties may be withheld from amounts otherwise due the Contractor.

27. **QUALITY AND STANDARDS** Materials and manufactured products incorporated into the work shall be new unless otherwise specified, free from defect, and in conformity with the contract. When material is fabricated or treated with another material or where any combination of materials is assembled to form a finished product, any or all of which are covered by specifications, the Department may reject the finished product if any of the components do not comply with the specifications. The Department may reject materials not conforming to the Specifications at any time, and the Contractor shall remove them immediately from the project site unless otherwise instructed by the Department. The Contractor shall not store or use rejected materials on any Department project.

If there is no applicable standard set forth in this contract for particular Work, then the Contractor shall perform that Work in accordance with industry standards prevailing at the time of bid. If the Department determines that Work is non-conforming, the Contractor shall remove, replace, or otherwise correct all unacceptable work as directed by the Department at the expense of the Contractor, without cost or liability to the Department.

28. **WARRANTY PROVISIONS** The Contractor unconditionally warrants and guarantees that the Work will be free from warranty defects for one year or as otherwise specified in this Contract. If the Department discovers any warranty defects during the warranty period, the Contractor agrees to perform all remedial work, at no additional cost or liability to the Department. Remedial Work will be completed within two weeks unless a more immediate response is required for safety or convenience, as determined by the Department.

The Contractor hereby assigns to the Department the right to enforce all manufacturer's warranties or guarantees on all materials, equipment or products purchased for the work that exceed the nature or duration of the warranty obligations assumed by the Contractor under this Contract.

The Contractor agrees that the warranty obligations provided by this Contract shall be reported as an outstanding obligation in the event of bankruptcy, dissolution, or the sale, merger, or cessation of operations of the Contractor.

29. **PAYMENT** The Contractor shall submit an itemized invoice to the Department for services monthly, at the completion of the Work or as otherwise noted in the Contract documents for approval and payment. At a minimum, invoices shall include the following information:

- Contractor name, address & Contract Number
- Invoice Date & Number
- Dates of Service
- Description and Location of Service
- Quantities at the Prices contained in the Contractor's Bid

The Department will approve complete and correct invoices for accepted Work invoiced at bid prices. Payments to the Contractor shall be full compensation for furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, services, and incidentals used to perform all Work under the Contract in a complete and acceptable manner, and for all risk, loss, damage, or expense of any kind arising from the nature or execution of the Work. The Contractor shall pay all taxes, charges, fees, and allowances. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Contract, all such taxes, charges, fees, and allowances are Incidental to the Contract. Most items are exempt from Maine sales tax. The Contractor shall Bid in accordance with the Maine statutory exemption from sales tax. The Department may require that the Contractor submit backup documentation including copies of receipts, invoices, and itemized payments to Subcontractors. The Acceptance by the Contractor of the final payment, as evidenced by cashing of the final payment check, constitutes a release to the Department from all claims and liability under the Contract.

The Department may withhold payments claimed by the Contractor on account of:

- A. Incomplete, Inaccurate or Incorrect Invoices,
- B. Defective Work or non-conforming Work,
- C. Damages for Non-conforming, Defective or Unauthorized Work or Equipment,
- D. Damage to a third party,
- E. Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims,
- F. Failure of the Contractor to make payments to Subcontractors or for Materials or labor,
- G. Regulatory non-compliance or enforcement,
- H. Failure to submit Documentation

- I. All other causes that the Department reasonably determines negatively affect the State's interest.

30. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE TO WORK** Except for damage to Project caused by Uncontrollable Events, the Contractor shall bear all risk of loss relating to the Work until Final Acceptance, regardless of cause, including completed Work, temporary Structures, and all other items or Materials not yet incorporated into the Work.

The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, rebuild, repair, restore, or replace such damaged Work or otherwise make good any losses that arise from such damage ("rebuilding, etc."). If the Contractor fails to Promptly commence and continue such rebuilding, etc., the Department may, upon 48 hours advance written notice, commence rebuilding, etc. of the damaged property without liability to the Department with its own forces or with Contracted forces and all costs will be deducted from amounts otherwise due the Contractor.

31. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPERTY OF OTHERS** The Contractor shall not enter private property outside the Project Limits without first obtaining permission from the Owners.

The Contractor shall be responsible for all damage to public or private property of any kind resulting from any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct of the Contractor until Final Acceptance. The preceding sentence includes damage to vehicles passing through the Work area.

The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, rebuild, repair, restore, or replace such damaged property or otherwise make any good losses that arise from such damage ("rebuilding, etc."). If the Contractor fails to commence and continue such rebuilding, etc. in a timely manner, the Department may, upon 48 hours advance written notice, commence rebuilding, etc. of the damaged property without liability to the Department with its own forces or with Contracted forces, and all costs will be deducted from amounts otherwise due the Contractor.

32. **NOTICE REQUIRED** When the Contractor becomes aware of facts or circumstances that may cause the Contractor to seek additional compensation, time, or any other change in Contract requirements ("Issue"), then the Contractor shall notify the Contract Administrator within 48 hours and before commencing any part of the Work relating to the Issue. The notice must describe the basic nature and extent of the Issue.

The written notice or confirmation will be known as a "Notice of Issue for Consideration". The Contractor will not be entitled to any additional compensation, time, or any other change to Contract requirements without a timely Notice of Issue for Consideration.

33. **ENTIRE CONTRACT** This document contains the entire Contract of the parties, and neither party shall be bound by any statement or representation not contained herein. No waiver shall be deemed to have been made by any of the parties unless expressed in writing and signed by the waiving party. The parties expressly agree that they shall not assert in any action relating to the Contract that any implied waiver occurred between the parties which is not expressed in writing. The failure of any party to insist in any one or

more instances upon strict performance of any of the terms or provisions of the Contract, or to exercise an option or election under the Contract, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such terms, provisions, option or election, but the same shall continue in full force and effect, and no waiver by any party of any one or more of its rights or remedies under the Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent rights or remedy under the Contract or at law.

APPENDIX C  
SPECIAL PROVISION  
SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

Contract Administrator The contract administrator for this contract will be:

Name: William Doukas  
Title: Civil Engineer  
Address: MaineDOT, Bridge Maintenance  
16 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Tel # (207)624-3424

Allowable Work Times The Contractor shall perform as requested at times agreed upon and approved by MaineDOT.

Project Specific Emergency Planning Unless the Contract provides for closure of an existing facility, the Contractor shall ensure that essential police, fire, rescue, and ambulance services have reasonable and timely access to and through the Project Limits.

Changes The Department may increase or decrease Pay Item quantities from the estimated quantities shown in the Bid Documents, and such increase or decrease shall not be considered Extra Work. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Contract, the Contractor, shall be paid for actual quantities in place and Accepted at the Unit Prices contained in the Contractor's Bid. The Contractor accepts such payment as full and complete compensation.

Force Account Work Compensation for Force Account Work will be computed according to State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Section 109.7.5.

Default Termination

The Contractor is in Default of the Contract if the Contractor:

- A. Fails to provide labor, Equipment or Materials specified in the Contract,
- B. Fails to perform the Work with sufficient labor, Equipment, or Materials to assure the timely Completion of the Work,
- C. Fails to begin Work when specified in the Contract.
- D. Performs Defective Work, neglects or refuses to repair or correct Unacceptable Work when directed by the Department;
- E. In any other manner, fails to perform the Work in Substantial Conformity with any material provision of the Contract.

Failure by the Contractor to perform the Work when required or to substantially meet other contractual requirements will result in the following actions:

1<sup>st</sup> Incident: If the Contractor does not take corrective action within 2 days upon receipt of verbal warning, the Department will issue a written warning.

2<sup>nd</sup> Incident: The Department will issue a written warning.

3<sup>rd</sup> Incident: The Department may (A) give written Notice of Default to the Contractor and immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination, or (B) take prosecution of the Work away from the Contractor without violating the Contract.

If Default occurs, the Department may give written Notice of Default to the Contractor. Failure to give Notice of Default is in no way a waiver by the Department of any provision of the Contract. In this event, the Department may enter into an Agreement with another entity for the Completion of the Work, or use such other methods as in the opinion of the Department are required for the Completion of the intent of the Contract in an acceptable and timely manner. Termination of the Contract or portion thereof shall not relieve the Contractor of its Contractual responsibilities for the Work completed (including warranty obligations), nor shall it relieve the Surety of its obligation for claims arising from the Work or the Contract. The Department will pay for all Accepted items of Work as of the date of Termination at agreed upon prices. The Contractor shall make all Work records available to the Department upon request regarding payment under this Section.

SPECIAL PROVISION  
BASIS OF AWARD

The successful bidder is determined by using the weighted criteria described in the Request for Proposal. The award will be granted to the bidder with the Evaluation Committee's highest total score.

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 101  
CONTRACT INTERPRETATION

101.2 Definitions Apparent Successful Bidder Delete the section in its entirety and replace with the following:

“The Bidder with the highest scored responsive Bid as determined by the Department is Awarded the Contract. The Department may not execute the Contract with the Apparent Successful Bidder if a) the Apparent Successful Bidder fails to comply with all applicable pre-Award conditions or other pre-execution requirements of the Contract or b) if the Department chooses not to Award a Contract.”

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 102  
DELIVERY OF BIDS

102.6 Bid Guaranty Delete the entire section 102.6.

102.7.1 Location and Time Add the following sentence “As a minimum, the Bidder will submit a Bid Package consisting of the Notice to Contractors, the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form, Request for Proposal information and completed worksheets, 2 copies of the completed Contract Agreement form and any other Certifications or Bid Requirements listed in the Bid Book.”

102.11.1 Non-curable Bid Defects Replace E. with “E. The unit price and bid amount is not provided or a lump sum price is not provided or is illegible as determined by the Department.”

102.1.1 Basic Requirements Change the first sentence from: “...(A) comply with the Prequalification Procedure adopted by the Department, (B) not have been debarred or suspended from Bidding, and (C) not be in Default with respect to any outstanding Contract with the Department...” to “(A) not have been debarred or suspended from Bidding, and (B) not be in Default with respect to any outstanding Contract with the Department...”.

## SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 103 AWARD AND CONTRACTING

103.3.1 Notice and Information Gathering Change the first paragraph to read as follows: “After Bid Opening and as a condition for Award of a Contract, the Department may require an Apparent Successful Bidder to demonstrate to the Department’s satisfaction that the Bidder is responsible and qualified to perform the Work.”

103.4 Notice of Award Delete the section in its entirety and replace with the following:

“The Department has 30 Days following Bid Opening to Deliver a written Notice of Intent to Award and request insurance certificates, special certifications, and other information from the Apparent Highest Scored Bidder of each area. All items must be delivered to the Department’s Bureau of Maintenance and Operations. The Apparent Highest Scored Bidder is determined by area by using the weighted criteria described in the Request for Proposal. The award will be granted to the bidder with the Evaluation Committee’s highest total score if the bid is determined to be responsive, the pre-Award Conditions are met and the Department chooses to Award the Contract. Once these pre-execution conditions are met, the Department will execute the Contract and notify the Contractor of the award with a written Notice of Award. If the Department and the Apparent Successful Bidder agree, an extension beyond the 30 days of the Bid and Bid prices may occur and the Bid remains viable.

103.5.1 Performance and Payment Bonds Delete the entire section 103.5.1.

103.5.4 Execution of Contract By Bidder Delete the section in its entirety and replace with the following:

“The properly completed and signed Contract Agreement, Transportation Related Maintenance Services form provided with the Bid constitutes the Bidder’s offer. Once the Department has received the insurance, and any other pre-award items required, the Department will sign the Contract Agreement, Transportation Related Maintenance Services form and execute the Contract. The point of Contract execution is when the Department signs the contract.”

## CONTRACT AWARD APPEAL

The Contract award is a final decision of MaineDOT. Any person aggrieved by the award decision may appeal the decision to the MaineDOT, Director of Maintenance & Operations. The appeal must be in writing and filed with the Director of Maintenance & Operations, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016, within 14 calendar days of contract award date. If the bid contains non-curable bid defects, the Department will reject the bid and the Bidder will have no opportunity to appeal. For a related provision see Standard Specification, Section 102.11 – Bid Responsiveness.