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Subject: **Benton**  
Federal Project No: BH-1823(100)X  
State WIN: 018231.00  
**Amendment No. 2**

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** Can you verify the count on the mechanical couplers?  
Abt#1, the count on the A800 to A802 couplers do not match.  
Also, the A1000 + A1001 to A1003 + A1004 total do not match.

**Response:** The top most bars of A801 & A1001 stop at the vertical construction joint between the abutment and wingwall and do not require couplers to A803 or A1004. This is the reason why the count on the couplers do not match as indicated.

**Question:** Can you substitute a long length coupler bar with a coupled lap length bar + long length bar? If yes, can you provide the lap lengths required for the epoxy coated #8's & #10's?

**Response:** Yes. The minimum lap length for the epoxy coated #8's is 64-inches; the minimum lap length for the epoxy coated #10's is 103-inches.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on March 5, 2014.

Sincerely,

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