

**ADDENDUM #1
TO
BIDDING, CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS,
AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE OUTLET OF MEDDYBEMPS LAKE
BGS PROJECT #3894**

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As a point of clarification, it should be understood that the Contract Documents govern all aspects of the project. Discussions held during the Pre-Bid Conference, over the phone, and via email are informal and informational only. All official changes to the Contract Documents are made only by addenda. The following changes and additional information are hereby made a part of the Contract Documents:

GENERAL CLARIFICATIONS

1. The pre-bid conference was held on March 30, 2026. As part of the pre-bid conference attendees had an opportunity to ask questions, attend a site walk, and receive a brief overview of the project, as well as contract requirements. A copy of the meeting agenda is included with this Addendum.
2. The deadline for Questions and Answers was set for 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 1st. This Addendum provides the questions received and associated answers.
3. The bid documents were issued with the “SAMPLE” Bid Bond. The correct Bid Bond form to be used is attached to this addendum.
4. The Contractor should be advised that all of the State of Maine BGS standard forms and documents can be downloaded in electronic form from the BGS website at the following address:

[Forms | Bureau of General Services - https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bgs/forms](https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bgs/forms)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. *QUESTION #1: Do you have an engineer’s estimate or order of magnitude for this project that can be shared?*
ANSWER #1: We are not able to share the ROM for this project.
2. *QUESTION #2: As we are preparing our bid bond for this Fish Passage Improvements Project at the Outlet of Meddybemps Lake (BGS #3894), I wanted to quickly confirm who the Owner is. Is the Owner the Department of Marine Resources or the Bureau of General Services?*
ANSWER #2: The Owner is ‘Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Sea-Run Fisheries and Habitat.
3. *QUESTION #3: If we cut the trees down in May, do we leave them down or do we need to buck them up and process them?*
ANSWER #3: It is critical that trees are felled on or before May 31st. They just need to be taken down. They can be bucked or processed at a later time.
4. *QUESTION #4: Question on General Conditions Page 6 of 22 Par. 9.3.4 – Builders Risk Insurance Policy. Will this premium insurance policy be required for this project as this is typically used on building projects?*

ANSWER #4 No.

5. *QUESTION #5: Question on Sheet C-500 Note 5 – Low Perm Stream Gravel Specification: Is the intent to reuse on-site stream bed excavation or import from off-site to produce this material? If “on-site” will processing (i.e. screening) be required?*

ANSWER #5: The onsite material may be reused as long as it is generally in conformance with the Low Permeability Stream Gravel. This may require that the existing materials is blended/supplemented with an offsite material to meet the specification (blended with riprap or silt as needed). Some form of processing may be required to generally meet the specification.

6. *QUESTION #6: Question on Bid From Page 3 Unit Price for Contaminated materials. Since our Lump Sum Bid excludes Removal & Disposal of Contaminated Materials, there should be “N/A” for this Deduct value on the Bid Form. Please confirm.*

ANSWER #6: The Base Bid (Lump Sum) of the contract should include all associated costs of normal excavation and earthwork at the site. If material is to be exported from the site, it must first be stockpiled and tested prior to export (in accordance with the Soils Management Plan prepared by Nobis – Appendix B). The Base Bid should include the expectation and costs associated with stockpiling, handling, and storage of all material prior to export. If the testing indicates a particular stockpile or volume of soil is contaminated it must be disposed of appropriate via a licensed landfill facility (i.e. Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town, Maine). The “Unit Price for Contaminated Materials” on Page 3 of the Bid Form is for this purpose. It should be the additional price of trucking, handling, and disposal of material deemed to be contaminated. That said, if material is found to be so egregiously contaminated that it is hazardous to those performing the work and requires special handling and/or it is so contaminated that it may not be acceptable to Juniper Ridge, then an appropriate change order will be negotiated.

7. *QUESTION #7: We feel that this entire project cannot be completed in one “in-water work” season (10 weeks). Is it possible to extend substantial completion to September 2027 to allow for safe & quality construction?*

ANSWER #7: The Owner has significant interest in getting this project completed this year during the “in-water work” season. We will continue to hold the dates shown in the bidding documents, however if an acceptable bid is not received, we will reconsider and potentially rebid at a later time.

8. *QUESTION #8: Since the prebid was only yesterday, can the bid date be extended by one week in order to properly prepare a competitive bid?*

ANSWER #8: We are concerned that delaying the bidding schedule will delay our subsequent decision of award. Since the in-water work window and project milestones are not far away, we think it is best to maintain the current bidding schedule.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Specification Section 00 43 13: DELETE Specification Section 00 43 13 – Bid Bond in its entirety and REPLACE with the attached Specification Section 00 43 13 – Bid Bond.

Meddybemps Fish Passage Improvements

Maine Bureau of General Services

Pre-Bid Meeting Agenda - March 30, 2026



1) Introductions

- a. Owner: State of Maine Bureau of General Services (Contract Owner)
State of Maine DMR (Land Owner)
Passamaquoddy Tribe (Land Owner)
Jeffery Orchard (Land Owner)
- b. Engineer: Acadia Civil Works
- c. Partners: Project SHARE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- d. Meeting Purpose:
 - i. Non-mandatory
 - ii. Information presented at this pre-bid meeting does not alter the Contract Documents. An Addenda will be issued to make any changes. Information presented, and statements made at the pre-bid meeting will not be binding or legally effective unless incorporated via an Addendum.

2) State of Maine Bureau of General Services Documents

3) Bidding Instructions

- a. Bids Due: Tuesday, April 8, 2026 @ 1:30 PM
- b. Submit Bids to: Maine Bureau of General Services via email (BGS.Architect@Maine.gov).
- c. Bids will be opened and reviewed publicly at 2:00 pm (accessible as a video conference call).
- d. Bid Security (5% of bid price)
- e. Bid Form
 - i. Lump Sum for Upper Site (Nature-Like Fishway)
 - ii. Unit Price for Landfill of Contaminated Earthen Materials
 - iii. Bid Alternate for Lower Site (Dam Removal and Channel Excavation)
- f. Question and Answer Deadline: Wednesday, April 1st at 5:00pm
 - i. Questions regarding the project design shall be directed to Acadia Civil Works via email (jmclean@acadiacivilworks.com).
 - ii. Questions regarding bidding and selection shall be directed to BGS via email (BGS.Architect@maine.gov).

4) Contract Times

- a. Tree Clearing: May 30, 2026 (all trees greater than 3" DBH shall be cleared on or before this date to protect endangered bat species)
- b. Drawdown Initiation: June 15th (open main dam gate no earlier than this date in coordination with Maine DMR)
- c. In-Water Work Commencement: July 15, 2026
- d. In-Water Work Completion: September 30, 2026

- e. Substantial Completion: October 31, 2026
 - f. Final Completion: November 20, 2026
- 5) Permits/Environmental Requirements
- a. Maine DEP Permit-by-Rule
 - b. US Army Corps Permitting is Pending (Full Permit Process)
 - c. Town of Meddybemps Permitting Process is Pending (Shoreland Zoning)
 - d. Any other construction permits, licenses, and/or certificates shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.
- 6) General Project Administration
- a. Project Meetings
 - i. Weekly During In-Water Work
 - b. Independent Testing Laboratory
 - i. Owner will employ an Independent Testing Laboratory
 - 1. Concrete Testing
 - 2. Earthwork Testing
 - ii. Contractor is responsible for providing submittals that demonstrate compliance with the material specifications.
- 7) Coordination with Others
- a. Brownfield Site on Passamaquoddy Tribal Property
 - b. Sensitive Archaeological Site on Passamaquoddy Tribal Property
 - c. Private Landowner (Jeffery Orchard)
- 8) Project Overview
- a. Nature-like fishway at Upper Site
 - b. Dam Removal at Lower Site
 - c. Soils Management Plan
 - i. All exported materials must be stockpiled and tested prior to leaving the site.
 - d. Archeological Sensitivity
 - i. Areas along the North Shore of the Tribal property are to be protected via geotextile fabric and a gravel pad.
 - e. Sequence of Work
 - i. Refer to Plan Sheet C-800
 - ii. Phase 1 - June 15th - Drawdown Lake/Open Gate
 - iii. Phase 2 - after July 15th - Install culvert bypass and cofferdam at upper site
 - iv. Phase 3 - Before September 30th - Install bypass pumping to accommodate dam removal and channel excavation
 - v. All in-water work must be completed by September 30th
- 9) Question and Answer

00 43 13
Contractor Bid Bond

Bond No.: insert bond number

We, the undersigned, insert company name of Contractor, select type of entity of insert name of municipality in the State of insert name of state as principal, and insert name of surety as Surety, are hereby held and firmly bound unto select title of obligee in the penal sum of five percent of the bid amount, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, signed this insert date, i.e.: 8th day of select month, select year, which is the same date as that of the first specified bid due date, or subsequent bid due date revised by addendum.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the principal has submitted to the Owner, or State of Maine, to a certain bid, attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof, to enter into a contract in writing, for the construction of insert name of project as designated in the contract documents

Now therefore:

If said bid shall be rejected, or, in the alternate,

If said bid shall be accepted and the principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the form of contract attached hereto, properly completed in accordance with said bid, and shall furnish a bond for the faithful performance of said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing material in connection therewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be void.

Otherwise, the same shall remain in force and effect- it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for value received hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligation of said Surety and its bonds shall be in no way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the Obligee may accept such bid and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

**00 43 13
Contractor Bid Bond**

In witness whereof, the principal and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their proper officers, the day and year first set above.

Signed and sealed this insert date, i.e.: 8th day of select month, select year, which is the same date as that of the first specified bid due date, or subsequent bid due date revised by addendum.

Contractor

(Signature)

insert name and title

insert company name

*insert address
insert city state zip code*

Surety

(Signature)

insert name and title

insert company name

*insert address
insert city state zip code*

If Contractor is a partnership, all partners shall execute the bond. A power of attorney document indicating that it still is in full force and effect shall be provided by the person executing this bond.