

MATERIALS

**Liquid Chloride Tanks
Delivered to the Towns of
Carmel, Bethel, Turner, Paris, Jay & Gorham**

WIN 025110.00

2018

Updated 04/28/17

STATE PROJECT

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use pen and ink to complete all paper bids.
2. As a minimum, the following are to be completed and must be received prior to the time of bid opening:
 - a. A copy of the Notice to Contractors
 - b. the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form
 - c. the completed Schedule of Items in Appendix A
 - d. two (2) copies of the completed and signed Contract to Purchase Supplies, Materials and/or Equipment for a Specific Project form
 - e. The completed Contractor Information Sheet
 - f. Any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening
3. Include prices for all items in the Schedule of Items
4. For security and other reasons, all Bid Packages which are mailed or sent express, 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
 - WIN & 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
- WIN & 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
- WIN & Title:
- Town:
- Date of Bid Opening:
- Name of Contractor:

5. 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. <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/mainedotdirections.htm>. 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.

6. If you need further information regarding Bid preparation, call the DOT Contracts Section at (207) 624-3410. For complete bidding requirements, refer to Section 102 of the Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Specification, November 2014 Edition.

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 plan holders 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 fill out the on-line plan holder registration form and provide an email address to the MDOT Contracts mailbox at: 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.

NOTICE

Bidders:

Please use the attached “Request for Information” form when submitting questions concerning specific Contracts that have been advertised for Bid, include additional numbered pages as required. RFI’s may be faxed to 207-624-3431, submitted electronically through the Departments web page of advertised projects by selecting the RFI tab on the project details page or via e-mail to RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov.

These are the only allowable mechanisms 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.

When submitting RFIs by Email please follow the same guidelines as stated on the “Request for Information” form and include the word “RFI” along with the Project name and Identification number in the subject line.

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

Contractor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Vendor Customer Number: _____

Contact Information (Primary Contact): _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

The company has the following organizational structure:

Sole Proprietorship

Limited Liability Company

Partnership

Joint Venture

Corporation

Other: _____

(Date)

(Signature)

(Name and Title Printed)

**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 "Bids for **Supply and Delivery of Liquid Chloride Tanks** delivered to the towns of **CARMEL, BETHEL, TURNER, PARIS, JAY & GORHAM**" 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 **July 11, 2018** 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: WIN 025110.00

Location: Delivered to Carmel, Bethel, Turner, Paris, Jay & Gorham MaineDOT Maintenance Lots.

Scope of Work: Supply and deliver liquid chloride tanks.

The basis of award will be the criteria set forth in the Appendix A.

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, and bid results and an electronic form for RFI submittal. For Project-specific information fax all questions to **Gail Iler** at (207) 624-3431, use electronic RFI form or email questions to **RFI-Contracts.MDOT@Maine.gov**, project name and identification number should be in the subject line. 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.

Bid Documents, specifications and bid forms can be viewed and obtained digitally at no cost at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/>. They may be seen at the Maine DOT Building in Augusta, Maine and at the Department of Transportation's Regional Office in Scarborough, Dixfield and Bangor. 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., may be requested by telephone at (207) 624-3536 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, or from Maine Department of Transportation, **Attn.: Mailroom**, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016.

There will be no bid bond, performance bond or payment bond required.


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, November 2014 Edition", price \$10 [\$15 by mail], and Standard Details, November 2014 Edition, price \$10 [\$15 by mail]. They also may 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
June 13, 2018


BENJAMIN W. FOSTER
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)

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CONTRACT TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND/OR
EQUIPMENT FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT

This Agreement (the “Contract”) is entered into between the Maine Department of Transportation (“Department” or “MaineDOT”) with its principal office located at Child Street, Augusta, Maine, and a mailing address of 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 _____, and a mailing address of _____ and a telephone number as follows: _____.

The Vendor Customer Number of the Contractor is _____.

MaineDOT, pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. §52, requested bids for the sale and delivery of the Materials, Supplies, and Equipment (the “Materials”) described in attached Appendix A. The offer submitted by Contractor (the “Bid Price”) is accepted by MaineDOT as the successful bid. The terms and conditions of the purchase of the Materials are set forth below:

A. Deliverables.

The Contractor agrees to provide the Materials known as **Liquid Chloride Tanks**, more specifically described in Appendix A for use in MaineDOT Project **025110.00 Liquid Chloride Storage in Jay, Gorham, Carmel, Bethel, Paris and Turner,** Maine (the “Project”).

B. Time.

This Contract becomes effective on the date last signed below. The Contractor agrees to deliver the Materials on or before **August 17, 2018**. This Contract expires on December 31, 2018.

C. Bid Price.

The Bid Price(s) offered by Contractor and accepted by MaineDOT are as provided in Appendix A. These Bid Prices will serve as a basis for the Contract amount set forth in section F below.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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D. Contract Documents.

The Contract consists of this Agreement and the following attachments which are hereby incorporated into the Contract as part of its terms and conditions:

Appendix A--Description of Materials, Supplies, Equipment and Bid Price
Appendix B--Special Provisions for the Purchase of Supplies, Materials or Equipment
Special Provisions, Supplemental Specifications and Appendices
Standard Specifications, November 2014 Edition, as updated through advertisement
Standard Details November 2014 Edition as updated through advertisement

By agreement, this Contract may be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by both parties.

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 Appendix B are accurate as of the date of this Contract.
2. The Contractor certifies that it has not been debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from contracts by the Federal Government or any state agency within the last 3 years.
3. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
4. 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.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CONTRACT TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND/OR
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby execute two duplicate originals of this Contract and thereby binds itself to all covenants, terms, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

Dated: _____

CONTRACTOR

(Name and Title Printed)

F. Award.

By signing below, an authorized representative of MaineDOT hereby accepts Contractor's offer and awards this Contract to Contractor in the amount of \$ _____ under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Dated: _____

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BRIAN T. BURNE
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ENGINEER
BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

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A. Deliverables.

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B. Time.

This Contract becomes effective on the date last signed below. The Contractor agrees to deliver the Materials on or before **August 17, 2018**. This Contract expires on December 31, 2018.

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By agreement, this Contract may be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by both parties.

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 Appendix B are accurate as of the date of this Contract.
2. The Contractor certifies that it has not been debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from contracts by the Federal Government or any state agency within the last 3 years.
3. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
4. 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.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Dated: _____

CONTRACTOR

(Name and Title Printed)

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Dated: _____

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BRIAN T. BURNE
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ENGINEER
BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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This Agreement (the "Contract") is entered into between the Maine Department of Transportation ("Department" or "MaineDOT") with its principal office located at Child Street, Augusta, Maine, and a mailing address of 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016, and CONTRACTOR ABC INC ("Contractor"), a corporation or other legal entity organized under the laws of the State of MAINE with its principal place of business located at ABC STREET, ABC, Maine 00000, and a mailing address of ABC STREET, ABC, MAINE and a telephone number as follows: 207-999-9999

The Vendor Customer Number of the Contractor is VC999999999.

MaineDOT, pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. §52, requested bids for the sale and delivery of the Materials, Supplies, and Equipment (the "Materials") described in attached Appendix A. The offer submitted by Contractor (the "Bid Price") is accepted by MaineDOT as the successful bid. The terms and conditions of the purchase of the Materials are set forth below:

A. Deliverables.

The Contractor agrees to provide the Materials known as SOMETHING, more specifically described in Appendix A for use in MaineDOT Project No. 99999.00 SOME TOWN (the "Project").

B. Time.

This Contract becomes effective on the date last signed below. The Contractor agrees to deliver the Materials on or before SOME DAY, 20XX. This Contract expires on DECEMBER 31, 20XX.

C. Bid Price.

The Bid Price(s) offered by Contractor and accepted by MaineDOT are as provided in Appendix A. These Bid Prices will serve as a basis for the Contract amount set forth in section F below.

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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 Appendix B are accurate as of the date of this Contract.
2. The Contractor certifies that it has not been debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from contracts by the Federal Government or any state agency within the last 3 years.
3. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
4. 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.

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

Dated: (Date Here)

CONTRACTOR

(Sign Here)

(Print Name Here)

(Name and Title Printed)

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By signing below, an authorized representative of MaineDOT hereby accepts Contractor's offer and awards this Contract to Contractor in the amount of \$ _____ under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Dated: _____

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

(Name and Title Printed)

APPENDIX A
Description of Materials, Supplies, Equipment and Bid Price

Contractor _____

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

- The Bid must be delivered to the precise location and by the precise time set forth in the Notice to Contractors or any applicable Bid Amendment.
- The Bid must be signed.
- The unit price for all items must be provided and legible.
- The Bid must not contain any handwritten changes to the bid documents such as additional charges for transportation, conditions, supplemental fees or surcharges.

The Bidder will have no opportunity to cure the above Non-curable Bid Defects. For clarification, questions, comments/recommendations use the “Request for Information” form as directed in the Bid Book instructions.

Item Description	Approx. Quantity and Units	Unit Price per each tank	Total Bid Amount =
Liquid Chloride Tanks, (including shipping and delivery)	6 Each	\$	\$

(Print Respondent's Name and Title)

(Signature)

(Date)

Maine Business and Economic Impact - Bidder Information

Maine Business and Economic Impact	<i>Circle one answer for each row</i>		
% of employees which are Maine Residents	0 0 points	1 – 74% 1 points	75 – 100 % 2 points
% of payroll paid to Maine Residents last calendar year	0 0 points	1 – 74% 1 points	75 – 100 % 2 points
Bidder currently pays Maine Income or corporate taxes		No 0 points	Yes 2 points
Bidder currently pays property taxes to government entities in Maine		No 0 points	Yes 2 points
Bidder currently purchases services and/or supplies from Maine businesses		No 0 points	Yes 2 points

(Print Respondent’s Name and Title)

(Signature)

(Date)

Scoring

The Bids will be scored on the basis of the following weighted criteria:

Criteria	Weight
1. Price	90%
2. Economic Impact within the State of Maine	10%

The scoring formula for price is: (Lowest submitted cost bid / Cost of bid being scored) x 90 = pro-rated score. The contract award will be made to the bidder whose Bid receives the Committee’s highest score following the final review.

Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration: The Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration for this Bid will be scored based on the information provided by Bidders in Appendix A, Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration and the point allocations.

Bidder shall indicate their Maine business and economic impact by answering the questions found on the **Maine Business and Economic Impact - Bidder Information** section found in Appendix A. The Bidder shall not make variations or alterations when responding to these questions. The use of this information in making contract award decisions is required in accordance with Executive Order 2017-003, which states “Evaluators of competitive bids for goods and services shall give consideration to the investment in the State by business enterprises as a best-value criterion. Consideration for Maine business enterprises may result in low cost or top scoring bids not being considered as the best-value for the State of Maine.”

Description: 5500 Gallon Cross-Linked Polyethylene Storage Tanks

Tank Requirements:

- 1) Cylindrical shape with a domed top
- 2) 5500 gallon minimum capacity
- 3) Cross-linked polyethylene construction that allows the liquid level to be seen through the tank walls
- 4) Ultraviolet (UV) stabilized
- 5) External calibrations that indicate the volume of the stored liquids
- 6) Permanent legible serial number on the tank of 1" or larger writing
- 7) Designed for minimum 1.65 specific gravity liquid
- 8) Equipped with a 24" diameter bolt on man way cover on the top
- 9) Equipped with a vent of sufficient size to handle 200 GPM loading rate
- 10) The tank shall be equipped with a 2" PVC bulkhead fitting. It shall be a female x female thread @ 0° 6" elevation with sump.

All holes cut in the tank wall shall be carefully cut and deburred before installation of the fittings. The tank interior shall be clean. All fittings shall be tightened to the specified torque. The tank shall be molded in conformance with ASTM-D-1998 standards for upright storage tanks and the plant in which it was produced shall meet the requirements of ISO 9001 quality certification procedures.

Guarantee - The tank shall be guaranteed for the normal, designed and specified use of containing liquid melting agents for a period of five years.

Delivery

Delivery of finished product shall be on or before date shown in Section B. Time of the Contract. The Contractor shall deliver one tank to each of the MaineDot Maintenance Lot locations listed below. The Contractor shall deliver tanks to locations in an order established by the Contract Administrator. The Contractor shall coordinate delivery schedules with the Contract Administrator and notify the contact(s) indicated a minimum of one week prior to delivery for delivery coordination. If the Contractor requires any assistance unloading the tanks, this must be identified as part of the notification. The Contractor shall deliver the materials only during the following times: Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM through 3:30 PM except for deliveries may not be made on government holidays or closure days.

- Location 1:** 991 Fuller Road
Carmel, Maine 04419
Contacts: Chris Landry, Cell: 207-592-7456
Alden McGlaughlin, Office: 207-941-4515, Cell: 207-441-7425
Email: christopher.landry@maine.gov, aldenmcglaughlin@maine.gov
- Location 2:** 821 Mayville Road
Bethel, Maine 04217
Contacts: Chris Landry, Cell: 207-592-7456
Mahlon Presby, Cell: 207-592-5605
Email: christopher.landry@maine.gov, mahlon.presby@maine.gov
- Location 3:** 73 Fern Street
Turner, Maine 04266
Contacts: Chris Landry, Cell: 207-592-7456
Mahlon Presby, Cell: 207-592-5605
Email: christopher.landry@maine.gov, mahlon.presby@maine.gov
- Location 4:** 251 Park Street
Paris, Maine 04271
Contacts: Chris Landry, Cell: 207-592-7456
Mahlon Presby, Cell: 207-592-5605
Email: christopher.landry@maine.gov, mahlon.presby@maine.gov
- Location 5:** 1230 Main Street
Jay, Maine 04262
Contacts: Chris Landry, Cell: 207-592-7456
Mahlon Presby, Cell: 207-592-5605
Email: christopher.landry@maine.gov , mahlon.presby@maine.gov
- Location 6:** Box 315 Libby Avenue
Gorham, Maine 04038
Contacts: Chris Landry, Cell: 207-592-7456
Tim Cusick, Cell: 207-462-9489
Email: christopher.landry@maine.gov , timothy.cusick@maine.gov

Contract Administrator

The Contract Administrator for this contract will be:

Name: Chris Landry
Title: Transportation Snow & Ice Supervisor
Address: Maine Department of Transportation
16 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0016

Invoices and Payments

The Contractor shall submit an itemized bill to the Department for materials following delivery for approval and payment. At a minimum, invoices shall include the following information:

Contractor name, address & Contract Number
Invoice Date & Number
Locations and Dates of Delivery

The Department will pay based upon the materials delivered at the prices bid and the invoices approved. Payments to the Contractor shall be full compensation for furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, services, and incidentals used to supply the materials 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 prosecution of the Work. The Department may withhold payments claimed by the Contractor on account of incomplete or incorrect invoices or materials that are defective or not in conformance with the contract. No such payment will be made if, in the judgment of the Department, the Materials are not in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. 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. Upon Final Acceptance, the Contractor is released from further obligation, except for warranty obligations provided for in this Contract. No payments due the Contractor will be adjusted for inflation. No interest shall be due and payable on any payment due the Contractor.

Material Quality

Materials and manufactured products shall be new unless otherwise specified, free from defect, and in conformity with the contract. If there is no applicable standard set forth in this Contract for a particular item, then the item shall be in accordance with industry standards prevailing at the time of bid. The Department has the authority to inspect all Materials and every detail of the Work. 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.

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.

Liquidated Damages

Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Contract, the Contractor shall owe the Department Damages in the per diem amount of \$100 per day for each Calendar Day that any portion of the Materials that are delivered after the Contract Delivery Date. This will be deducted from amounts otherwise due the Contractor. Permission for the Contractor to deliver the Materials after the Contract Delivery Date shall not waive the Department's rights to assess Damages.

**Maine Department of Transportation
Special Provisions for the Purchase of
Supplies, Materials or Equipment for a Specific Project
Pursuant to 23 MRSA § 52**

- 1) **WARRANTY.** Contractor warrants:
- a) That all articles and services to be supplied by it under this contract are fit and sufficient for the purpose intended;
 - b) That all articles and services covered by this contract will conform to the specifications, drawing samples, symbols or other description specified by the Department;
 - c) That such articles are merchantable, good quality and free from defects whether patent or latent in material and workmanship;
 - d) That all workmanship, materials and articles to be provided are of the best grade and quality; and,
 - e) That it has good and clear title to all articles to be supplied by it and the same are free and clear from all liens, encumbrances and security interest.

Neither the final certificate of payment nor any provision herein, nor partial nor entire use of the articles provided shall constitute an acceptance of work not done in accordance with this Contract or relieve the Contractor from liability in respect of any warranties or responsibility for faulty material or workmanship. The Contractor shall remedy any defects in the materials and articles delivered pursuant to this Contract and pay any damages resulting from such defects which shall appear within 1 year from the date of final acceptance of the materials and articles provided hereunder. The Department shall give written notice of observed defects with reasonable promptness.

- 2) **TAXES.** Contractor agrees that, unless otherwise indicated in this Contract, the prices herein do not include federal, state or local sales, or use the tax from which an exemption is available for purposes of this order. Contractor agrees to accept and use tax exemption certificates when supplied by the Department as applicable. In case it shall ever be determined that any tax included in the prices herein was not required to be paid by Contractor, Contractor agrees to notify the Department and to make prompt application for the refund thereof, to take all proper steps to procure the same and when received to pay the same to the Department.
- 3) **PACKING & SHIPMENT.** Deliveries shall be made as specified without charge for boxing, shipping or storage, unless otherwise specified. Articles shall be suitably packed to secure lowest transportation cost and to conform with the requirements of common carriers and any applicable specifications. Order numbers and symbols must

**Maine Department of Transportation
Special Provisions for the Purchase of
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be plainly marked on all invoices, packages, bills of lading and shipping orders. Bill of lading should accompany each invoice. Count or weight shall be final and conclusive on shipments not accompanied by packing lists. Shipping terms F.O.B. destination.

- 4) **DELIVERY.** Delivery should be strictly in accordance with delivery schedule. Articles fabricated beyond the Department's releases are at Contractor's risk. Contractor shall not make material commitments or production arrangements in excess of the amount or in advance of the time necessary to meet delivery schedule. Unless otherwise specified herein, or receipt of written approval, no deliveries shall be made in advance of the Department's delivery schedule. Neither party shall be liable for excess costs of deliveries or defaults due to causes beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, provided, however, that when the Contractor has reason to believe that the deliveries will not be made as scheduled, written notice setting forth the cause of the anticipated delay will be given immediately to the Department. If the Contractor's delay or default is caused by the delay or default of a subcontractor, such delay or default shall be excusable only if it arose out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and subcontractor and without fault of negligence or either of them and the articles or services to be furnished were not obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.
- 5) **REMEDY.** If Contractor's deliveries fail to meet such schedule, the Department, without limiting its other remedies, may direct expedited shipping, and the difference between the expedited routing and the order routing costs shall be paid by the Contractor.
- 6) **INSPECTION.** All articles and work will be subject to final inspection and approval after delivery, notwithstanding prior payment, it being expressly agreed that payment will not constitute final acceptance. The Department at its option may either reject any article or work not in conformity with the requirements and terms of this order, or re-work the same at Contractor's expense. The Department may reject an entire shipment of similar articles if a sample inspection discloses that ten (10%) percent of the articles inspected are defective. This may be waived if the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Department for the cost of a complete inspection of the articles included in such shipment. Rejected material will be returned at Contractor's risk and expense at the full invoice price plus applicable transportation charges, if any. No replacement of defective articles of work shall be made unless specified by the Department.

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- 7) **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.
- 8) **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.
- 9) **DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE.** The Contract Administrator shall be the Department's representative during the period of this Contract. He/she has authority to curtail services if necessary to ensure proper execution. He/she 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.
- 10) **CHANGES IN THE WORK.** The Department may make changes to its order, the Contract Amount will be amended accordingly, these changes will not invalidate this Contract. 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 monetary adjustment or any substantive change in the articles or materials shall be in the form of an amendment, signed by both parties and approved by the MaineDOT. Said amendment must be effective prior to delivery of the articles or materials.
- 11) **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 Contract shall in any case release the Contractor of its liability under this Contract.
- 12) **PERSONNEL.** The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or contracted with any company or person, other than for assistance with the normal study and preparation of a proposal, to solicit or secure this Contract and that it has not paid, or agreed to pay, any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or

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any other consideration, contingent upon, or resulting from the award for making this Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Department shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability or, in its discretion to otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

13) **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 agreement, or other agreement 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 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

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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.
- 14) **STATE EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT.** No individual employed by the State 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 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. 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.
- 15) **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS.** All manufacturers, importers, suppliers, or distributors of hazardous chemicals doing business in this State must provide a copy of the current material safety data sheet for any hazardous chemical to their direct purchasers of that chemical.
- 16) **ACCESS TO RECORDS.** The Contractor shall maintain all books, documents, payrolls, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to this Contract and make such materials available at its offices at all reasonable times during the period of this Contract and for such subsequent period as specified under Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices for Community Agencies (MAAP) rules. The Contractor shall allow inspection of pertinent documents by the Department or

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any authorized representative of the State of Maine or Federal Government, and shall furnish copies thereof, if requested.

- 17) **TERMINATION**. The performance of work under the Contract may be terminated by the Department in whole, or in part, whenever the Contract Administrator determines that such termination is in the best interest of the Department including but not limited to the following circumstances:
- (a) The Contractor fails to make delivery of articles, or to perform services within the time or time specified herein, or
 - (b) The Contractor fails to make delivery of articles, or specified materials, or
 - (c) If Contractor defaults under any other term or condition of this contract, or
 - (d) If Contractor fails to make progress as to endanger the performance of this contract in accordance with its terms; or,
 - (e) If Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or if it makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or if a receiver is appointed on account of its insolvency.

In the event that the Division terminates this agreement in whole or in part pursuant to this paragraph, the Division may procure (articles and services similar to those so terminated) upon such terms and in such manner as deemed appropriate by the Department, and Contractor shall be liable to the Department for any excess cost incurred.

- 18) **GOVERNMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**. The Contractor warrants and represents that it will comply with all governmental ordinances, laws and regulations.
- 19) **GOVERNING LAW**. This Contract is pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. §52, and 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.
- 20) **STATE HELD HARMLESS**. The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and save 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

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subcontractors. This indemnification includes 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.

- 21) **NOTICE OF CLAIMS**. The Contractor shall give the Department 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.
- 22) **NON-APPROPRIATION**. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, if the State does not receive sufficient funds to fund this Contract and other obligations of the State, if funds are de-appropriated, or if the State does not receive legal authority to expend funds from the Maine State Legislature or Maine courts, then the State is not obligated to make payment under this Contract.
- 23) **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.
- 24) **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.
- 25) **DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, OR EXCLUSION**. By signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies that it has not been debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from contracts by the Federal Government or any state agency within the last 3 years.

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- 26) **SET-OFF RIGHTS**. The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any monies due to the Contractor under this Contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this Contract, any other Contract, any other Contract with any State department or agency, including any Contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this Contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State 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.

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ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS TO STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 101
CONTRACT INTERPRETATION

101.2 Definitions Add the following:

MaineDOT The Department of Transportation of the State of Maine, as established by 23 MRSA §4205 et seq. for the administration of Highway, Bridge, and other public Works; acting through the Commissioner and his/her duly authorized representatives.

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

“A Bidder that submits the lowest apparently responsive Bid. The Apparent Low Bidder may not be Awarded the Contract if a) the Bid is later found to be non-responsive in accordance with Section 102.11, b) the Bidder is found to be not responsible, c) the Bidder fails to comply with all applicable pre-Award Conditions, other pre-execution requirements of the Contract, d) consideration for Maine business enterprises results in low cost bids not being considered as the best-value for the State of Maine or e) the Department chooses not to Award a Contract.”

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

“The Bidder with the lowest responsive Bid which regarding the consideration Maine business enterprise is considered as best-value for the State of Maine, all as determined by the Department. A responsive responsible Bidder, usually the Apparent Low Bidder, that 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.”

101.2 Definitions Contract Completion Date Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

“The required completion date of all Work pursuant to the Contract, except warranty work. The Contract Completion Date is usually on the Contract form.”

101.2 Definitions Contract Execution Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

“Execution of the Contract by the Commissioner or their authorized agent by signing the Contract form which action, upon written notification to the Contractor, forms a Contract as provided in Section 103.8 - Execution of Contract by Department.”

101.2 Definitions Contractor Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

“After the Department has executed the Contract by cosigning the Contract form provided in the Bid Documents, previously signed by the successful bidder, the Successful Bidder becomes the Contractor. The Contractor will be the single point of responsibility for all Contract obligations to the Department. The Contractor shall be an independent Contractor with respect to the Department and shall not be an employee, agent, or representative of the Department. Alternatively, “Contractor,” with a lower case “c,” may mean a firm engaged in construction Work.”

101.2 Definitions Manufacturer Add the following:

“The Contractor”.

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

“The low, responsive, responsible bidder, which regarding the consideration Maine business enterprise is considered as best-value for the State of Maine and to whom the Department intends to award the Contract. This status is evidenced by a “Notice of Intent to Award” Letter sent to the Successful Bidder.”

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 102
BIDDING

102.6 Bid Guaranty Delete the entire section 102.6.

102.7.1 Location and Time Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

The Bidder must Deliver its Bid and Bid Guaranty in a sealed envelope to the exact location and before the precise time (as determined by the Department) specified in the Notice to Contractors or any applicable Bid Amendment. The sealed envelope must be labeled with the Bidder's name, the Project or Work location, WIN (if applicable) and/or Title, and the words “Bid Enclosed”. As a minimum, the Bidder will submit a Bid

Package consisting of the Notice to Contractors, the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form, the completed Schedule of Items in Appendix A, 2 copies of the completed Contract form, and any other Certifications or Bid Requirements listed in the Bid Book. For a related provision, see Section 102.11 - "Bid Responsiveness".

102.11.1 Non-curable Bid Defects E. Delete the entire section 102.11.1 E and replace with the following:

- (1) "The unit price and bid amount is not provided if the item quantity is not one or lump sum,
- (2) the unit price, bid amount or lump sum price is not provided if the item quantity is one or lump sum or
- (3) the lump sum contract price is not provided or
- (4) the unit price, bid amount or lump sum price is illegible as determined by the Department."

102.11.2 Curable Bid Defects A. Change "Contract Agreement Offer and Award forms" to Contract form.

102.11.2 Curable Bid Defects A. Delete the section and replace with the following:

"The Bidder only signs one of the Contract forms or the Bidder does not sign the Contract form but does sign the Schedule of Items.

102.11.2 Curable Bid Defects Add the following after 102.11.2 E:

"F. If a submitted bid contains any additional conditions or alternate bidding language, the Bidder may cure the defect by removing all conditions and alternate language or the Department will reject the bid as non-responsive."

102.11.2 Curable Bid Defects ADD the following:

"G. The Bidder has not completed the Maine Business and Economic Impact Bidder Information in Appendix A.

Upon Notification, the Contractor may be given 5 business days to complete the questions regarding Maine Business and Economic Impact Bidder Information in Appendix A. After the 5 days has elapsed, the Bidder shall be assigned no points for Economic Impact within Maine for scoring purposes.

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 103
AWARD AND CONTRACTING

103.1.1 Unit Prices Govern Add the following at the end of the paragraph:
“If the item quantity is one and either a unit price or bid amount is not provided, the unit price or bid amount omitted shall be determined mathematically by the Department.”

103.1 Add the following at the end of the section:

103.1.4 Bids for goods and services “Evaluators of competitive bids for goods and services shall give consideration to the investment in the State by business enterprises as a best-value criterion. Consideration for Maine business enterprises may result in low cost or top scoring bids not being considered as the best-value for the State of Maine.”

103.5 Award Conditions Replace the first paragraph with the following:

The Apparent Successful Bidder must provide and/or perform all of the items listed in this Section 103.5 within 14 Days of Receipt of the Notice of Intent to Award. Unless indicated otherwise, all items must be Delivered to the Department’s Bureau of Maintenance & Operations.

103.5.1 Performance and Payment Bonds Delete the entire section 103.5.1.

103.5.4 Execution of Contract By Bidder Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

“The properly completed and signed Contract form provided with the Bid constitutes the Bidder’s offer. Once the Department has received any pre-award items required, the Department will sign and execute the Contract. The point of Contract execution is when the Contractor receives written notice that the contract has been signed by the Department and executed.”