

# Snow Plowing and Ice Control

## Routes 137 and 9/202

### Winslow and China

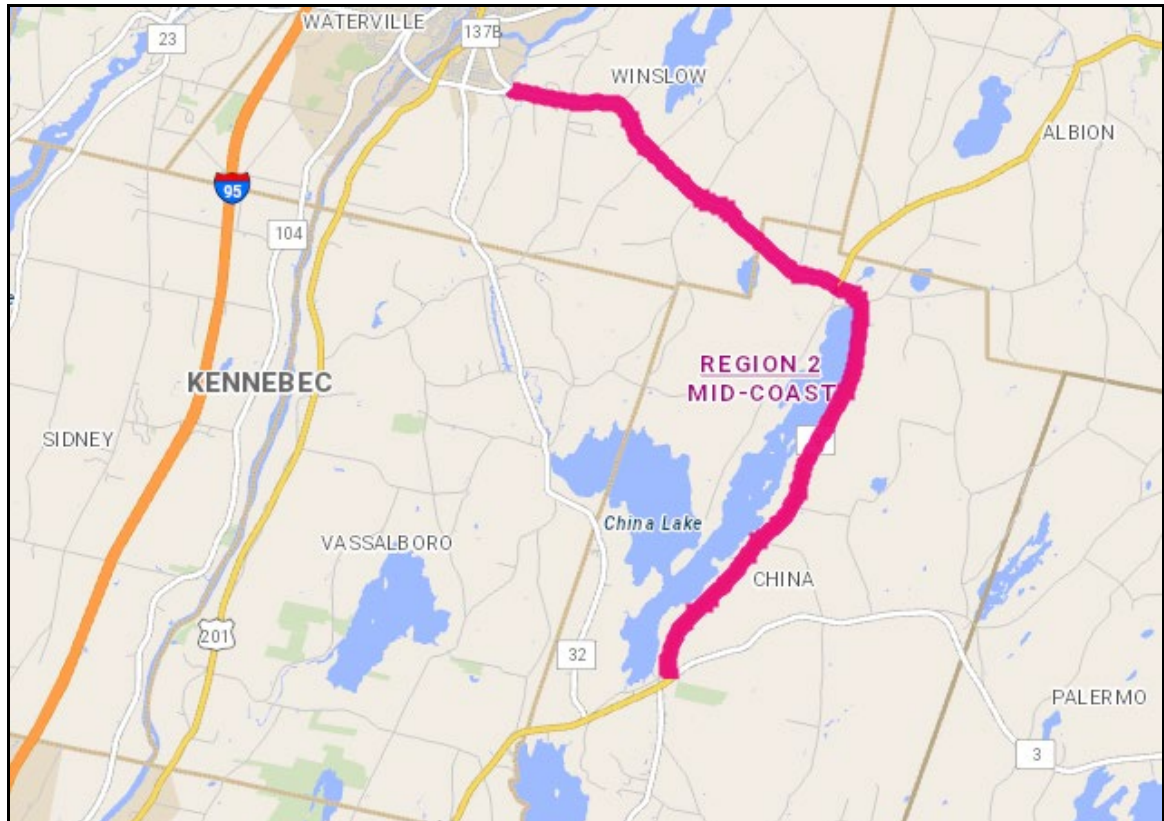
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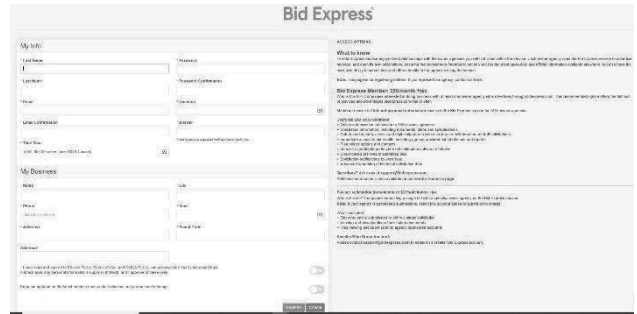
## Infotech® Vendor Manager Account

Only one Infotech® account for each business is required to register for the Bid Express® (www.bidexpress.com) service. All other employees will then create accounts through an invitation sent by the manager.

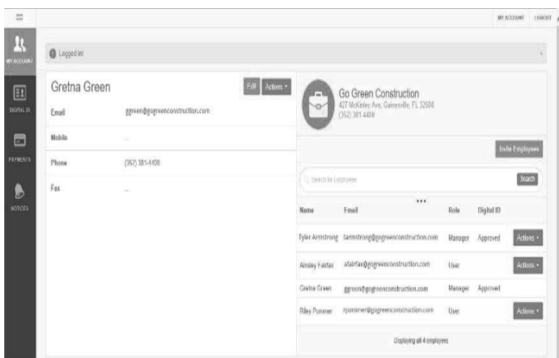
Whether you need to pay to bid on a solicitation depends on the agency. Some agencies sponsor solicitations for their vendors. A FREE tag will display for any solicitation not requiring a fee. Solicitations will either require an electronic signature or an Infotech Digital ID for bid submission. If the agency requires a Digital ID, you will be prompted to generate one. Do not pay for a solicitation or generate an ID until prompted to by a solicitation you select for bidding.

### Register for a Manager Account

The first person to register for an Infotech account within a business is assigned managing access. As a manager, you can invite other employees to join the business account and change their roles. Your email address is your username for the account and to where Infotech services sends email notifications.



1. Navigate to [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com) and click **Register** at the top right.
2. Fill out the registration form, and click the **Register** button. Your email address will be your username.
3. A message with a confirmation link will be sent to your email address. Click the Activate Account link within the email to activate your account.
4. Enter your password and click **Activate**.



### Invite Employees

Invite employees to create a user account for your business. Emails will be sent to those invited. You will receive an email when the account has been created. Employees are assigned the role of user for the account.

1. Click **Invite Employees**. Enter one email address per line for each employee.
2. Click **Invite Employees**.

### Change Employee Role

You will need to update the role of those employees you want to manage the account. You must also change each user's role within the Bid Express service itself. Please see the online help if you need assistance.

1. Click **Actions** for the employee and choose **Change Role**.
2. Select the manager role, and click **Change Role**.

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## Infotech Vendor User Account

Only one Infotech account for each business is required to register for the Bid Express service at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com). All employees of a business will then create user accounts through an invitation sent by the manager.

### Register for a User Account

To join an existing business account, please ask a user of a manager account to send you an invitation. Once the invitation is sent, you'll receive an email to activate your account. Your email address is your username. Infotech services will send email notifications to this address.

Upon receipt of the email:

1. Select the **Create Account** link within the email.
2. Fill out the Account Activation form. Your email address will be your username.
3. Once the form is complete, click the **Activate** button.

The My Account page opens, displaying your account information and other employees within your company using Infotech services. You are automatically assigned a user role for the account and an Executive Manager read-only role for the Bid Express service. Any user with manager role can change your role.

The screenshot shows the 'My Account' page with three main sections:

- Business Information:**
  - Name: Greco Construction
  - Bid Express Number: BUSINESS015
  - Subscription: Bid on any solicitation: Monthly payment of \$50.00
- Codes:** A table with columns 'Code' and 'Description'. It shows '0 Codes' and a 'Message Codes' button.
- Users:** A table with columns 'Name', 'Email', and 'Role'.

| Name          | Email                         | Role    |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| George Smythe | gsmythe@grecoconstruction.com | Manager |
| Sable Greco   | sgreco@grecoconstruction.com  | Bidder  |

The screenshot shows the 'Account Activation' form with the following fields:

- Header: Account Activation
- Welcome message: Welcome gsummers@cityagency.com. To enroll as a member of City Agency, please complete the form below.
- \* First Name: Gretl
- \* Last Name: Summers
- \* Password: [Masked]
- \* Password Confirmation: [Masked]
- \* Question: [Dropdown menu]
- \* Answer: [Text input]
- Footer: If you forget your password we'll ask you to verify this.  I have read and agreed to Privacy Policy, Terms of Use, and DMCA Policy.

### Welcome to the Bid Express service

If you are planning on submitting bids, a user with a manager account for the Bid Express service must change your role within the Bid Express service itself. Please see the knowledge center if you need assistance.

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Solicitations will either require an electronic signature or an Infotech Digital ID for bid submission. If the agency requires a Digital ID, you will be prompted to generate one. Do not pay for a solicitation or generate an ID until prompted to by a solicitation you selected for bidding.

## Infotech® Multi-Browser Digital IDs for New Users

An Infotech® Digital ID confirms your identity as the authorized signer of your company and allows you to securely sign documents, such as bids or contracts, in an Infotech service.



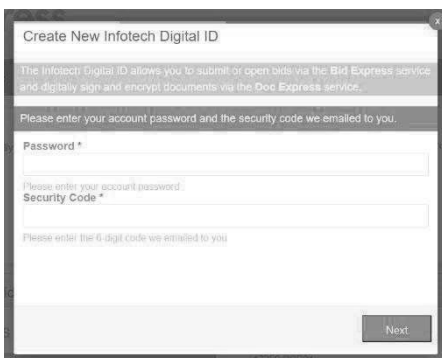
You must have a Digital ID created and approved before using any feature that requires a digital signature, such as advertising a solicitation, conducting a bid opening, submitting a bid in the Bid Express® service, or signing a contract document in the Doc Express® service.

### Before you begin

- You'll need access to your email in order to receive a verification code.
- You'll need a copy of the your driver's license, passport, or state ID in a file that can be uploaded.
- An Infotech customer support representative will call you, hopefully within one business day, to confirm your identification.
- The ID must be installed after the identify is confirmed.
- It may take up to seven days to complete the entire process.

### Ready to apply for your Digital ID?

Go to your account pages by selecting **My Account** from the **three lines** in the upper left corner. Click **Digital ID** from the sidebar menu.



1. Click **Create Digital ID** to start the application.
2. Get the security code from your email and come back to the generate ID process.
3. Enter your account password and the code. Click **Next**.
4. Read the creation information and click **Next**.
5. Click **Attach Identification**. Navigate to and select the file

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containing your ID and click **Open**.

6. Enter your name EXACTLY as it appears in the ID, including any punctuation marks or suffixes (like Jr.), and in legal order. Click **Next**.
7. Enter your contact phone number.
8. Enter the state where the company headquarters are located. Click **Next**.
9. Review your business information. Confirm that the name of the person listed is the authorized signer for your company and your company name matches how you would like to submit bids to the agency. Click **Submit**.

A member of the customer support team will call you after the application is processed, hopefully within one business day, to confirm who you are. Once that happens, you'll get an email with instructions on installing your multi-browser Digital ID.

## BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use pen and ink to complete all paper Bids. Signatures shall be original. Stamped and copied signatures will not be accepted. Bids are not accepted by email or FAX.
2. As a minimum, the following should be received prior to the time of Bid opening:

### For a Paper Bid:

- a) a copy of the Notice to Contractors,
- b) the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form,
- c) the completed and signed Bid for Snow Plowing and Ice Control form,
- d) two copies of the completed and signed Contract for Snow Plowing and Ice Control form,
- e) any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.

### For an Electronic Bid:

**NOTE: Not all projects accept Electronic Bids. Please review the Notice to Contractors and see if it specifically states that Electronic Bids will be accepted.**

- a) a completed Bid using the Bid Express® software at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com), and
  - b) any other Certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.
3. All Bid Packages which are mailed or delivered, shall be provided in double (one envelope inside the other) envelopes, for security and other reasons. 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:

If a paper Bid is to be sent express, please note that overnight services do not always arrive in time and that that delivery may be affected by carrier volume, weather and other factors. Packages using express services should be sent directly to the DOT Headquarters Building, Maine Department of Transportation, 24 Child Street, Augusta. "FedEx First Overnight" delivery is suggested as the package is delivered directly to the DOT Headquarters Building, Mailroom, 24 Child Street, Augusta. Allow extra days for U.S. Postal Service Express Mail which has proven not to be reliable and sometimes does not deliver directly to the DOT Headquarters Building but instead delivers to the State of Maine Mail Distribution Center.

If a paper bid is to be mailed, the mailing address is Maine Department of Transportation, 16 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0016. Allow additional working days for this mail to pass through the state mail system in addition to the US Postal Service as this mail is not delivered directly to the Department of Transportation.

If a paper Bid is to be hand carried, deliver directly to 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>. Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope, and should be marked with the following information:

Bid Enclosed: Do Not Open

Title:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor:

*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 Specifications, March 2020 Edition.*



MaineDOT is making this bid opportunity available on the [bidexpress.com](http://bidexpress.com) website. Bid Express is an internet-based online service that allows bidders to save time and money by submitting their bids electronically. Bidders register for free, create their digital identification for free, and download procurement documents/plans for free. Bidders are only charged when they decide to respond to the solicitation a \$35 electronic bidding fee or \$50 monthly subscription for unlimited electronic bidding that can be canceled at any time.

Please allow a few days for mailing and processing of the signed notarized registration.

It is important to note that the Bid Express service is NOT the same service that MaineDOT uses for its construction projects ([bidx.com](http://bidx.com)). While the services are offered by the same company, the sites are vastly different in how they function. Potential bidders are encouraged to view the Bid Express Quick Start Guide provided on the following pages.

For any additional questions, please contact the Bid Express customer support team. The team can be reached by phone at 888-352-BIDX (2439) or by email at [support@bidexpress.com](mailto:support@bidexpress.com).

# 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](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.**

# 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](mailto: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>

## 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 **Snow Plowing and Ice Control in Winslow and China** on the sections of highway listed below 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 October 5, 2022, 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. **Electronic Bidding will be available for this bid.**

Location: In the towns of Winslow and China in Kennebec County

Route 137 in Winslow, beginning at the intersection of Route 137B (RLM 29.76) and extending in a southeasterly direction to the intersection of Route 9/202 in China (RLM 35.92), for a total distance of 6.16 centerline miles (12.52 Lane Miles).

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Total contract mileage is 13.27 centerline miles (26.83 Lane Miles).

Outline of Work: Snow plowing and ice control

The initial term of this contract is for three (3) years, beginning October 15, 2022 and ending May 1, 2025. The contract term may be extended on an annual basis for up to five (5) additional years upon mutual agreement between MaineDOT and the contractor.

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, 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](mailto: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 Augusta. 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 bonds, performance bonds 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, March 2020 Edition*, price \$10 [\$15 by mail], and *Standard Details, March 2020 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  
September 21, 2022



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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 |
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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)

# BID FOR SNOW PLOWING & ICE CONTROL

## BIDDER INFORMATION

Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| _____                             | _____                                      |
| Bidder Name                       | Bidder Contact Person                      |
| _____                             | _____                                      |
| Bidder Street Address or P.O. Box | Bidder Telephone Number                    |
| _____                             | _____                                      |
| Bidder City, State, ZIP           | Bidder Tax I.D. # (Vendor Customer Number) |
| _____                             |  |
| Bidder Email address              |  |

The Bidder is organized under the laws of the State of  Maine  Other [check one]  
(State, if Other: \_\_\_\_\_) as the following type of business organization.

- ( ) individual ( ) corporation ( ) partnership  
( ) limited liability company ( ) joint venture ( ) other: \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFER

The Bidder hereby offers to remove the snow, control ice, and perform all other work indicated in the Contract for Snow Removal (hereinafter "Contract") for the entire term of the Contract and in compliance with all the terms, conditions, and representations of the same on the entire section of highway listed below:

Route 137 in Winslow, beginning at the intersection of Route 137B (RLM 29.76) and extending in a southeasterly direction to the intersection of Route 9/202 in China (RLM 35.92), for a total distance of 6.16 centerline miles (12.52 Lane Miles).

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Total contract mileage is 13.27 centerline miles (26.83 Lane Miles).

The work shall be accomplished using an anti-icing approach, which consists of using calibrated equipment to spread salt early in the storm, and as necessary throughout, to prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement. Sand is used on occasion to address spot locations and to treat the roads when pavement temperatures are below 15 degrees F.

The Bidder offers to do this work, for the initial year of the contract, for the Base Lump Sum price of:

\_\_\_\_\_ dollars \$ \_\_\_\_\_,  
*Lump sum price in words* *Lump sum price in numerals*



As a minimum, for a paper bid, the Bidder should submit a Bid Package consisting of:

1. **Notice to Contractors,**
2. Completed **Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form,**
3. **Completed and signed Bid for Snow Plowing and Ice Control form,**
4. Two copies of the completed and signed **Contract for Snow Plowing and Ice Control form**
5. Any other **Certifications or Bid Requirements** listed in the Bid Book.

By signing below, the Bidder (1) represents that the Bidder has examined the Contract Agreement contained in the Bid Documents, the Contract, all documents referenced in said Contract, and the section of highway and scope of work, (2) does hereby bid and offer to enter into this contract to construct and/or perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the unit prices bid in the attached "Schedule of Items", (3) represents that the Bidder has given the Department notice of any errors or ambiguities related to the documents or the work that have been discovered by the Bidder, (4) represents that the above-named organization is the legal entity entering into the resulting contract with the Department if they are awarded the contract and, (5) represents that the undersigned is authorized to enter contractual obligations on behalf of the above-named organization.

Bidder acknowledges that the properly completed and signed Schedule of Items provided with the Bid constitutes the Bidder's offer and that this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

The Bidder hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: The Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of competitive bidding in connection with its bid, and its subsequent contract with the Department.

Use pen and ink to complete paper bids. Signatures shall be original. Stamped and copied signatures will not be accepted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print Bidder's Name and Title)*

Bids are not accepted by email or FAX. If a paper Bid is to be sent express, please take note that overnight services do not always arrive in time. Packages using express services should be sent to Maine Department of Transportation, 24 Child Street, Augusta, Maine.

# CONTRACT FOR SNOW PLOWING & ICE CONTROL

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 and \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contractor”).

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein, the parties agree as follows.

**1. The Work.** Contractor agrees to remove the snow (whether accumulating from snowfall or drifting), treat the roads, control ice, (whether naturally occurring or manmade) ensure water can get off of the road to any ditches or drainage structures blocked by snow or ice, and perform all other work indicated in this Contract in compliance with all the terms, conditions, and representations of the same (“the Work”) on the sections of highway listed below (“the Work Area”).

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**2. Term of Contract.** The initial term of the contract is for **three (3) years**, beginning on October 15, 2022 or when executed, whichever is latest and ending on May 1, 2025. The term of any additional seasons is from October 15 to May 1 (hereinafter “Winter Season”), The parties may mutually agree to extend this Contract for up to five (5) additional years, prior to July 1, on an annual basis, and under all the terms of this Contract.

**3. Price and Payment.** The Department agrees to pay the Contractor the *Base Lump Sum* payment of \_\_\_\_\_

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_) each season, for all work conforming to the terms of this Contract. For each additional year of the Contract, beyond the initial Contract year, a 2% escalation factor shall also be added to the *Base Lump Sum*. Each Winter Season’s total payment shall be made in six installments as specified below:

- 15%** of the total price on **December 1**
- 15%** of the total price on **January 1**
- 30%** of the total price on **February 1**
- 20%** of the total price on **March 1**
- 10%** of the total price on **April 1**
- 10%** of the total price on **May 1**

4. **Insurance, Performance and Payment Bonds.** The Contractor shall provide insurance certificates conforming to this Contract **prior to award and prior to October 1** of each subsequent year. Each Winter Season's initial payment will be contingent upon the Department having this information on file. Performance and Payment Bonds and Bid guarantee are not required for this contract.
5. **Contract.** This Contract, which may be amended, modified, or supplemented in writing only, consists of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition, Sections 101, 102, 103 and 111, Bid For Snow Plowing & Ice Removal, Appendices, Special Provisions, Tables, Attachments and Contract for Snow Plowing & Ice Control. It is agreed and understood that this Contract will be governed by the documents listed above.
6. **Department's Representative.** The Department's Representative shall be the Region Superintendent of Operations, or designee, of the MaineDOT Region office having jurisdiction over the contract area. For this contract, the Region Superintendent of Operations may be contacted at the following:

MaineDOT Region 2  
66 Industrial Drive  
98 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207) 624-8200

7. **Work Standards**

- a) The Contractor shall have a working knowledge of anti-icing strategies for minimizing and preventing the bonding of snow and ice to the pavement surface. The Contractor shall utilize calibrated spreading equipment to implement the anti-icing strategies responsibly and effectively. Information on anti-icing may be found at the MaineDOT web site as follows:

<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/winterdriving/snowicecontrol/>
- b) The Contractor shall commence plowing and material application operations no later than when snow on the pavement has reached a depth of one-half inch if the snow is wet and one inch if dry. Snow will be plowed and salt and/or winter sand will be used as needed during the storm to keep the roads open to traffic. During a winter storm event, average cycle times for the plows will be approximately 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 4:00 A.M, the average cycle times for the plows may double if snowfall is light or intermittent and strategic use of winter sand may be utilized to help carry low traffic volumes during these extended plow cycles. After the storm, snowbanks shall be pushed back to at least one foot beyond the edge of pavement and bare travel lanes shall be provided as soon as practicable on these roads after the Priority 1 roads. In most cases, this will occur within eight (8) daylight hours.
- c) The Contractor shall use appropriate methods and practices of plowing and material application to ensure continuity of operations with adjacent plow routes that may be addressed by municipal forces, state forces, or other contractors, as well as other plow routes in the same geographic area that have the same corridor priority (the Department's Representative may be contacted for clarification of which roads in the area share a similar priority level). The Contractor shall also ensure that the speed of their plowing operations is low enough to produce efficient plowing and material use

and that appropriate care is taken to minimize the potential for damage to State and personal property adjacent to the highway (such as guardrail, curbing and mailboxes, etc.). See appendix A, Part 24

- d) **Whenever the contractor is out checking and/or treating the roads, they shall contact MaineDOT's Transportation Management Center (TMC) at 207-624-3339 to notify them of the conditions and the actions being taken.** Similarly, when the contractor has completed their operations, they shall notify the TMC when they are done and off the road. The Contractor shall have supervisory personnel available by cell phone(s) throughout any winter storm. The phone number(s) shall be provided to the Department and updated as necessary. The Contractor's equipment shall also be equipped with communication devices that will allow the Contractor to promptly get a message to their driver(s).
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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.

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# CONTRACT FOR SNOW PLOWING & ICE CONTROL

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 and \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contractor”).

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein, the parties agree as follows.

**1. The Work.** Contractor agrees to remove the snow (whether accumulating from snowfall or drifting), treat the roads, control ice, (whether naturally occurring or manmade) ensure water can get off of the road to any ditches or drainage structures blocked by snow or ice, and perform all other work indicated in this Contract in compliance with all the terms, conditions, and representations of the same (“the Work”) on the sections of highway listed below (“the Work Area”).

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Total contract mileage is 13.27 centerline miles (26.83 Lane Miles).

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(\$ \_\_\_\_\_) each season, for all work conforming to the terms of this Contract. For each additional year of the Contract, beyond the initial Contract year, a 2% escalation factor shall also be added to the *Base Lump Sum*. Each Winter Season’s total payment shall be made in six installments as specified below:

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- 30%** of the total price on **February 1**
- 20%** of the total price on **March 1**
- 10%** of the total price on **April 1**
- 10%** of the total price on **May 1**

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5. **Contract.** This Contract, which may be amended, modified, or supplemented in writing only, consists of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition, Sections 101, 102, 103 and 111, Bid For Snow Plowing & Ice Removal, Appendices, Special Provisions, Tables, Attachments and Contract for Snow Plowing & Ice Control. It is agreed and understood that this Contract will be governed by the documents listed above.
6. **Department's Representative.** The Department's Representative shall be the Region Superintendent of Operations, or designee, of the MaineDOT Region office having jurisdiction over the contract area. For this contract, the Region Superintendent of Operations may be contacted at the following:

MaineDOT Region 2  
66 Industrial Drive  
98 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207) 624-8200

7. **Work Standards**

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**  
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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.

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The Department's Representative 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 and to reduce or suspend Progress and Final Payments. Unless authorized by the Department's Representative, other Departmental employees are not authorized to alter or waive the provisions of the Contract or to issue instructions contrary to the Contract.

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All correspondence and related submissions from the Contractor shall be submitted to the Department's Representative who is designated as the Contract Administrator on behalf of the Department for this Contract, except where specified otherwise in this Contract.

4. **CHANGES IN THE WORK**

The Department may increase or decrease asset locations or size thereof from those shown in the Bid Documents, the Contract Amount being adjusted accordingly. Any changes to the Contract that affect compensation, time, quality, or other Contract requirements shall be by written Contract Modification, signed by both parties. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Contract, the Contractor shall be paid for servicing actual asset locations at the Prices contained in the Contractor's Proposal. The Contractor accepts such payment as full and complete compensation.

5. **SUBCONTRACTS**

The Contractor may not subcontract or otherwise transfer any interest in this Contract without prior written approval by the Department. 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.

6. **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.

7. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

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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.

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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.

8. **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 of the Department. 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 of the State Purchases Review Committee. 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. **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.

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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 Project Records available for inspection and must provide MaineDOT with copies at all reasonable times without cost or liability to MaineDOT.

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Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the Contractor shall be in Default and the Department, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Contract if the Contractor:

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- e. subcontracts any of the work without the approval of the Department;
- f. becomes insolvent, files for bankruptcy, allows any final judgment to stand against him unsatisfied for a period of ten days, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors without authorization by the Department; or
- g. fails to perform the Work in substantial conformity with any material provision of the Contract as determined by the Department;
- h. fails to perform the Work in a satisfactory manner as determined solely by the Department.

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. At its sole option, the Department, in the event that circumstances allow, may provide the Contractor with an opportunity to cure any of the above deficiencies without waiving its right to terminate. In emergency situations, notice may be provided verbally with written notice mailed or delivered as soon thereafter as practicable. If the Contractor or Surety fails to completely cure such Default within the time stated in the Notice of Default, then the Department may (A) terminate the Contract for cause in accordance with State of Maine, Standard Specifications, Section 112.2.1 - For Cause, or (B) take prosecution of the Work away from the Contractor without violating the Contract.

If the Contractor or any Subcontractors fail to comply with the terms of this Contract, the Contractor shall be in non-compliance and Department may at its discretion:

- a. Withhold payments, or any portion thereof, during the period the Contractor is in non-compliance or;
- b. Remedy such noncompliance with Departmental or contracted forces and deduct the cost thereof from payments otherwise due the Contractor.

The Department may also terminate this Contract for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor, which shall be considered terminations for convenience. Such reason would include non-appropriation of funds by the Maine legislature. The Department will notify the Contractor of such terminations by sending a Notice of Termination for Convenience. In case of a termination for convenience, all work completed as of the date of termination will be paid by prorating by date all remaining amounts payable under this Contract. Contractor agrees it will have no claim for any other amounts including consequential damages, lost profits, or lost opportunity costs.

13. **GOVERNMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor warrants and represents that it will comply with all governmental ordinances, laws and regulations.

14. **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.

15. **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.

16. **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.

17. **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.

**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 policy shall name the Department of Transportation as an additional insured.

**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. The policy shall name the Department of Transportation as an additional insured.

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.

18. **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.

19. **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:

- a. Contract for Snowplowing and Ice Control
- b. Bid Amendments (most recent to least recent)
- c. Bid for Snowplowing and Ice Control
- d. Appendices in alphabetical order.
- e. Special Provisions
- f. The Department's Notice to Contractors and any amendments
- g. State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition as updated through advertisement, Division 100 – General Conditions.

20. **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.

21. **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.

22. **WORKERS AND EQUIPMENT**

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.

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.

23. **PROPERTY DAMAGE**

The Contractor shall be responsible for all damage to any public or private property resulting from any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct of the Contractor. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to mailboxes, vehicles, guardrail, signs, delineators, highway lighting, and utility poles. The Contractor shall immediately notify any affected entity, including Public Safety if necessary or required by law, upon causing any such damage and shall make arrangements with the owner to repair the damage. If property owned by the Department is damaged by the Contractor, the Department, at its option, may choose to repair or replace the damaged property with either its own forces or with Contracted forces, and all costs will be either directly billed to the Contractor or deducted from amounts otherwise due the Contractor.

24. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation including all applicable laws and regulations of OSHA.

25. **ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**

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 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.

26. **MATERIAL QUALITY**

Materials incorporated into the work shall be new unless otherwise specified, free from defect, and in conformity with the contract.

27. **PAYMENT**

Right to Withhold Payments The Department may withhold or reduce payments claimed by the Contractor on account of:

- a. Defective Work,
- b. Damages for Non-conforming Work,
- c. Damage to a third party,
- d. Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims,
- e. Failure of the Contractor to make payments to Subcontractors or for Materials or labor,
- f. Regulatory non-compliance or enforcement,
- g. All other causes that the Department reasonably determines negatively affect the State's interest.

Taxes, Fees, Allowances, and Notices The Contractor shall pay all taxes, charges, fees, and allowances and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of the Work. 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 located at 36 M.R.S.A. §1760, subsections (2) and (61).

28. **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.

29. **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.

| <b>MaineDOT Salt Application Quick-Reference Chart (2010)</b>  |   |                                  |   |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>(**Double these rates for centerline applications**)</b>  |   |                                  |   |
| <b>Pavement Temp. Range</b>  | <b>Application Rate (#/LM)</b>  | <b>Pre-wet Material</b>          | <b>Comments</b>   |
| <b>Above 32°</b>   | <b>0 to 100</b>   | Salt Brine or Blend              | A little salt goes a long way when temperatures are near freezing   |
| <b>25° to 32°</b>  | <b>100 to 200</b>   | Salt Brine or Blend              | Salt is very effective here. Pre-wetting with a blend will allow lower application rates.   |
| <b>20° to 25°</b>  | <b>200 to 300</b>   | Salt Brine, Ice-B-Gone, or Blend | Salt effectiveness is dropping off in this range. A Blend or straight IBG will help.  |
| <b>15° to 20°</b>  | <b>300 to 400</b>   | Ice-B-Gone or Blend              | Pre-wetting is especially important. Your liquids will provide the extra boost needed.  |
| <b>15° or Below</b>  | Snow is usually dry and blowing in this range. If no ice or pack exists, plow only. <b>DO NOT APPLY</b> |                                  | If necessary, Spot treat icy patches with abrasives. If glazing occurs on high-volume, high-speed, P1 corridors, sand will not last and higher salt applications, with Ice-B-Gone pre-wetting, will be necessary. |
| <b>General Notes:</b>  |   |                                  |   |
| (1) Application rates should be on the lower end when temperatures are on the higher side of the range or remaining steady. Falling temperatures, and temperatures on the lower side of the range, will require applications on the higher side, and possibly in the next range if dropping rapidly. |   |                                  |   |
| (2) High-volume, Priority 1 corridors will often require an additional 50#/LM  |   |                                  |   |
| (3) In any of the ranges, if the snow is dry and blowing off of the roadway, avoid application.  |   |                                  |   |
| (4) Pre-wetting under wet storm conditions is not required. In cases where the only pre-wetting liquid available is a high-performance chemical (i.e. Ice-B-Gone), it is better to save those products for the drier and colder conditions.  |   |                                  |   |

| <b>Application Rates vs. Miles You Can Treat</b> |  |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b># of Tons</b>                                 | <b>Application Rate (Pounds Per Lane Mile)</b> |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|  | <b>100</b>                                     | <b>150</b> | <b>200</b> | <b>250</b> | <b>300</b> | <b>350</b> | <b>400</b> |
|  | <b>Lane Miles You Can Treat</b>                |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>1</b>   | 20.0   | 13.3       | 10.0       | 8.0        | 6.7        | 5.7        | 5.0        |
| <b>2</b>   | 40.0   | 26.7       | 20.0       | 16.0       | 13.3       | 11.4       | 10.0       |
| <b>3</b>   | 60.0   | 40.0       | 30.0       | 24.0       | 20.0       | 17.1       | 15.0       |
| <b>4</b>   | 80.0   | 53.3       | 40.0       | 32.0       | 26.7       | 22.9       | 20.0       |
| <b>5</b>   | 100.0  | 66.7       | 50.0       | 40.0       | 33.3       | 28.6       | 25.0       |
| <b>6</b>   | 120.0  | 80.0       | 60.0       | 48.0       | 40.0       | 34.3       | 30.0       |
| <b>7</b>   | 140.0  | 93.3       | 70.0       | 56.0       | 46.7       | 40.0       | 35.0       |
| <b>8</b>   | 160.0  | 106.7      | 80.0       | 64.0       | 53.3       | 45.7       | 40.0       |
| <b>9</b>   | 180.0  | 120.0      | 90.0       | 72.0       | 60.0       | 51.4       | 45.0       |



SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
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 Add the following:

“Contract Agreement form The Contract Agreement, Offer and Award, the Maine Department of Transportation Contract Agreement Transportation Related Maintenance Work, the Maine Department of Transportation Contract Agreement to Purchase Supplies, Materials and/or Equipment for a Specific Project, Contract Agreement to Purchase Materials and/or Equipment for a Project and Related Work, the Maine Department of Transportation Private Equipment Rental Agreement – with an Operator, the Maine Department of Transportation Private Equipment Rental Agreement – without an Operator, or other contract agreement contained in the bid documents.”

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.”

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 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 Work location, 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 Bid for Snow Plowing and Ice Control form, 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".

Electronic Bids must be submitted to the appropriate electronic bid system before the precise time (as determined by the Department) specified in the Notice to Contractors or any applicable Bid Amendment."

102.11.1 Non-curable Bid Defects Revise the item on the list of non-curable Bid Defects for which the Department will reject Bids as non-responsive that reads "The Bid is not signed by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder." by replacing it with the following:

"The Bid is not signed by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder.

- Properly submitted electronic bids meet this requirement.
- Paper bids must include either (1) one or more signed copies of the Contract Agreement form or (2) a signed copy of the Schedule of Items."

102.11.2 Curable Bid Defects Revise the section by replacing it with the following:

"Unless the Department waives a curable Bid defect, the Bidder must cure, within the time stated in the written notice by the Department, but not less than 24 hours, all other Bid Defects not listed in Section 102.11.1 - Non-curable Bid Defects that are identified by the Department. Failure to cure such Defects within said time may result in forfeiture of the Bidder's Bid Guaranty. Upon such failure, the Department may take any action in the best interests of the Department, including those set forth in Section 103.6 - Failure to Fulfill Award Conditions.

Such curable Bid Defects include, but are not limited to, the following.

The Bidder signs only one of the Contract Agreement Offer & Award forms.

Missing total sum of the items provided in the Schedule of Items.

The prices or signatures on the Bid or Bid Guaranty are not in ink or other non-erasable substance.

Failure to acknowledge Receipt and consideration of all Bid Amendments.

The Bid includes only one signed Contract Agreement form.

The Bid does not include a signed Contract Agreement form but does include a signed Schedule of Items.

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.

All other Defects that do not create a significant question as to the Bidder's total Bid amount or the Bidder's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Time or by the Contract Completion Date as determined by the Department."

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 103  
AWARD AND CONTRACTING

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 Bid for Snowplowing & Ice Control 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 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."