

# **SNOW FIGHTER SERVICES**

## **STATEWIDE**

**2022**

**Updated 05/15/2020**

# **STATE PROJECT**

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**



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).

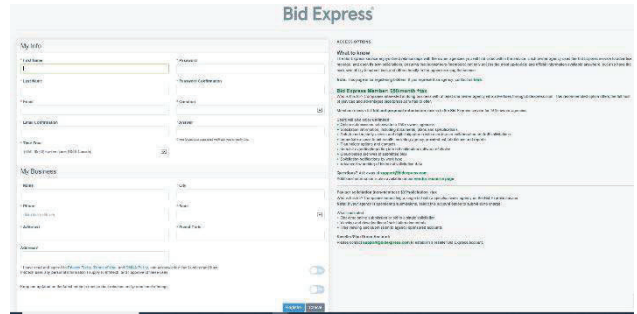
## Infotech® Vendor Manager Account

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.

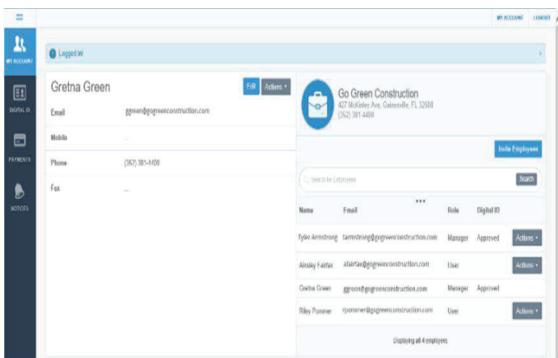
Whether you need to pay to bid on a solicitation depends on the agency. Some agencies sponsor solicitations for their vendors. A FREE tag will display for any solicitation not requiring a fee. Solicitations will either require an electronic signature or an Infotech Digital ID for bid submission. If the 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**

Support hours: 7:00 am - 8:00 pm ET // 1-888-352-2439 Option 1 // support@bidexpress.com

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## Infotech Vendor User Account

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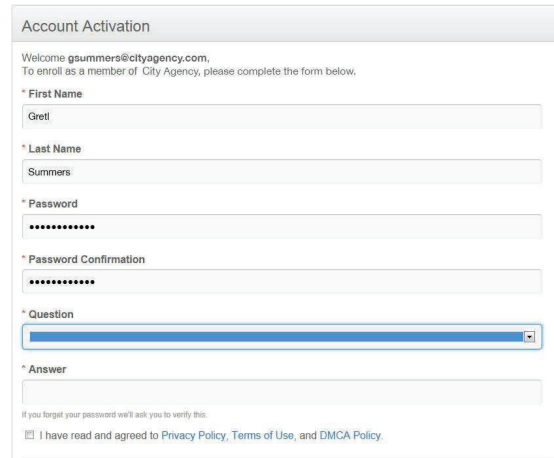
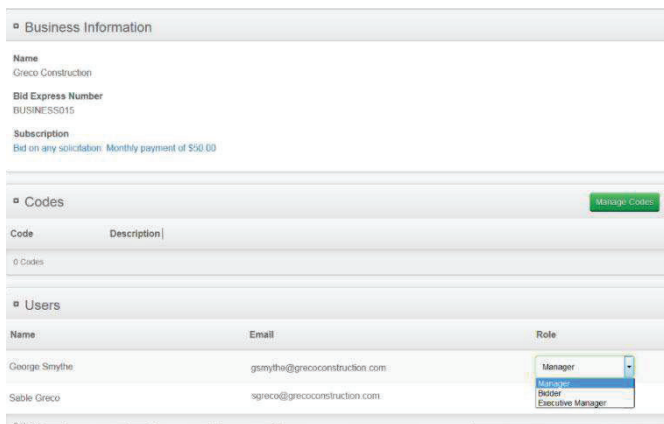
### Register for a User Account

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.



### 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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## 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.



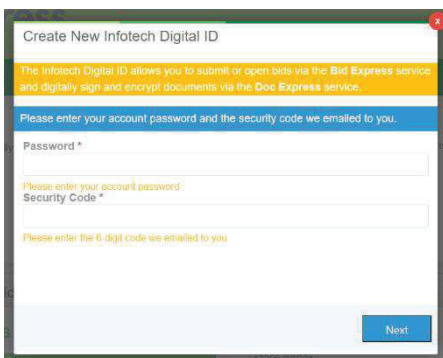
You must have a Digital ID created and approved before using any feature that requires a digital signature, such as advertising a solicitation, conducting a bid opening, submitting a bid in the Bid Express® service, or signing a contract document in the Doc Express® service.

### 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

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 Schedule of Items (see Appendix A),
- d) two copies of the completed and signed Contract Agreement form,
- e) the completed Contractor Information Sheet, and
- f) 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. Include prices for items Contractor is bidding in the Schedule of Items.
  4. All Bid Packages which are mailed or sent express, 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: Snow Fighter Services  
Location: Statewide  
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: Snow Fighter Services  
Location: Statewide  
Date of Bid Opening:  
Name of Contractor:

If a paper Bid is to be sent express, please take note that overnight services do not always arrive in time and 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/contact>. Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope, and should be marked with the following information:

Bid Enclosed: Do Not Open  
Title: Snow Fighter Services  
Location: Statewide  
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.*

# 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>

## 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 **Snow Fighter Services** Statewide” will be received from contractors at the Reception Desk, MaineDOT Building, Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine, until 11:00 o’clock A.M. (prevailing time) on **November 2, 2022**, and at that time and place, publicly opened and read. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. **We now accept bids for packages posted on Bid Express service at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com) (Small Business Network). Electronic bids do not have to be accompanied by paper bids. Until further notice, dual bids (one paper, one electronic) will be accepted, with the paper copy taking precedence.** The responsive bidders must demonstrate successful completion of projects of similar size and scope to be considered for the award of this contract.

Description: Snow Fighter Services

Location: Statewide

Outline of Work: Contract employees for snow and ice control utilizing MaineDOT equipment and other incidental work.

**A Bidder is required to bid all Items. Contracts may be awarded to each responsive, responsible bidder that meets the requirements and specifications.**

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 MaineDOT Building in Augusta, Maine and at the Department of Transportation’s Regional Offices in Scarborough, Augusta, Wilton, Bangor or Preque Isle. 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, 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 MaineDOT to reject any or all bids.

Augusta, Maine  
**October 19, 2022**

  
KYLE HALL  
DIRECTOR  
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)

CTM: \_\_\_\_\_  
TEDOCS# \_\_\_\_\_  
CSN \_\_\_\_\_

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

This CONTRACT is made on the date last signed below, by and between the State of Maine, acting through and by its Department of Transportation (“Department” or “MaineDOT”), an agency of state government with its principal administrative offices located at Child Street, Augusta, Maine, with a mailing address 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 \_\_\_\_\_, with a mailing address of \_\_\_\_\_, and a telephone number of \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

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

- Appendix A – Special Provision - Specifications of Work to be Performed
- Appendix B – Special Provisions for State Funded Transportation Related Maintenance Work

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

**A. The Work.**

The Contractor agrees to complete all work described in Appendix A – Special Provision - Specifications of Work to be Performed, and under the terms of the Contract for **Snow Fighter Services Statewide**, Maine.

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

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

**B. Time.**

This contract commences when executed and expires on **October 14, 2023**, unless extended under the terms of this contract. At the Department’s discretion and upon mutual agreement with the Contractor, the Contract may be extended for time and money, under

all the terms of this contract, at bid prices for agreed periods of time up to approximately four (4) additional years.

**C. Price.**

The quantity of positions offered times the total bid amount at the bid prices received and accepted as bid in the Schedule of Items of the Bid Package will be used as the basis for determining the original Contract amount. The Department does not guarantee the use of any or all of the Contract amount. The final Contract amount will be determined by the actual work authorized and performed at bid prices.

**D. Contract.**

This Contract, which may be amended, modified, or supplemented in writing only, consists of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition* as updated through advertisement, Division 100 - General Conditions, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement and Appendices. It is agreed and understood that this Contract will be governed by the documents listed above.

**E. Certifications.**

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

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

**F. Contract Agreement.**

The undersigned, having carefully examined the site of work, scope of work, State of Maine, Department of Transportation, *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, Division 100 - General Conditions, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement and Appendices contained herein, hereby agrees to supply all the services, materials, tools, equipment and labor to complete the whole of the work in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the prices agreed to in Appendix A.

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

Contractor also agrees:

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

Second: Contractor understands that Work may commence upon Contract Execution, unless provided elsewhere in this contract and that Work must be completed within the time limits given in this Contract.

Third: That this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

Fourth: The Contractor hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: the Contractor 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.

Fifth: Contractor further agrees to provide insurance as required by this Contract.

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

**CONTRACTOR**

\_\_\_\_\_
Date

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

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

**G. Award.**

The original contract amount is: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

This award consummates the Contract, and the documents referenced herein.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_\_\_
Date

\_\_\_\_\_
By: Kyle A. Hall
Director
Bureau of Maintenance & Operations

CTM: \_\_\_\_\_  
TEDOCS# \_\_\_\_\_  
CSN \_\_\_\_\_

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

**A. The Work.**

The Contractor agrees to complete all work described in Appendix A – Special Provision - Specifications of Work to be Performed, and under the terms of the Contract for **Heating Services**, in **Regions 2, 3 & 4**, Maine.

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

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

**B. Time.**

This contract commences on December 15, 2018 or when executed, whichever is latest and expires on **December 15, 2019** unless extended under the terms of this contract. At the Department's discretion and upon mutual agreement with the Contractor, the Contract may be extended for time and money, under all the terms of this contract, at bid prices for agreed periods of time up to approximately four (4) additional years.

**C. Price.**

The quantities given in the Schedule of Items of the Bid Package will be used as the basis for determining the original Contract amount and that the amount of this offer is **(Place bid here in alphabetical form such as One Hundred Two dollars)** **\$ (repeat bid here in numerical terms, such as \$102.00)** .

The Maine DOT does not guarantee the use of any or all of the Contract amount.

**D. Contract.**

This Contract, which may be amended, modified, or supplemented in writing only, consists of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition* as updated through advertisement, Division 100 - General Conditions, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement and Appendices. It is agreed and understood that this Contract will be governed by the documents listed above.

**E. Certifications.**

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

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

**F. Contract Agreement.**

The undersigned, having carefully examined the site of work, scope of work, State of Maine, Department of Transportation, *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, Division 100 - General Conditions, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement and Appendices contained herein, hereby agrees to supply all the services, materials, tools, equipment and labor to complete the whole of the work in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the prices agreed to in Appendix A.

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

Contractor also agrees:

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

Second: Contractor understands that Work may commence upon Contract Execution, unless provided elsewhere in this contract and that Work must be completed within the time limits given in this Contract.

Third: That this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

Fourth: The Contractor hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: the Contractor 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.

Fifth: Contractor further agrees to provide insurance as required by this Contract.



APPENDIX A  
SPECIAL PROVISION  
SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

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.
- Required unit prices, lump sum prices and/or bid amounts must be provided and legible.
- Do not make handwritten changes to the bid documents.

**Bidder is required to bid all Items.**  
**Bidder is NOT required to check all crew locations**

POSITIONS OFFERED: In the space below, indicate the total number of positions you are offering to provide for this contract. The total number of positions being offered is NOT a guarantee of the number of positions that MaineDOT may ultimately approve for this contract. This number is also NOT a guarantee from the Contractor that the indicated number of positions will be available throughout the winter season. It is simply indicating the maximum number of positions the contractor may be able to provide at any single point in the winter.

**Total Number of Positions Offered:** \_\_\_\_\_

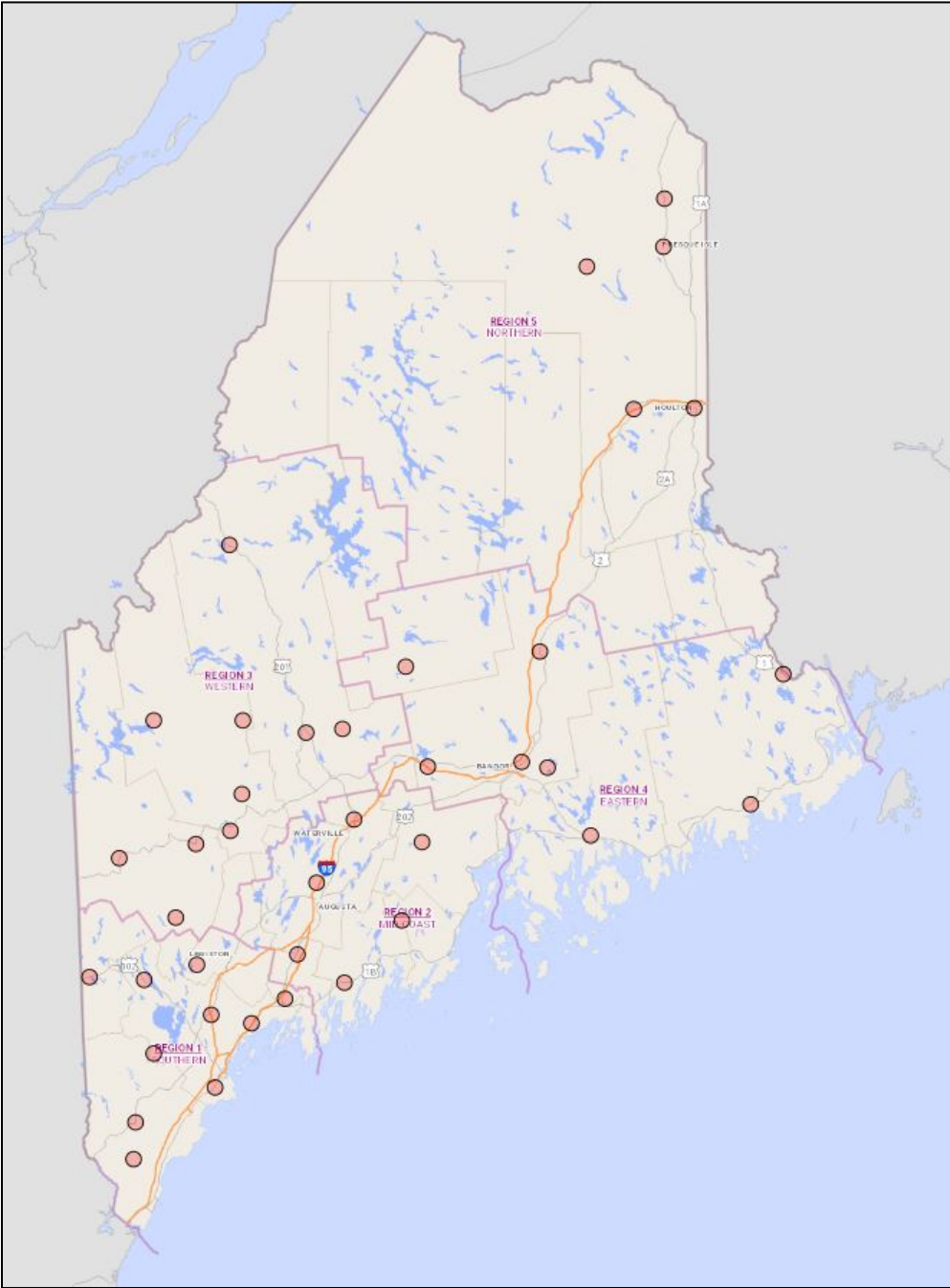
Item	Description	Estimated Quantities & Units	Unit Price	Bid Amount
1	Standby Rate Per Position per week	17 Weeks	\$	
2	Hourly Rate Per Position per hour	240 hours	\$	
<b>TOTAL BID PER ELIGIBLE POSITION</b>				

**Circle the appropriate response:**

1.	The Contractor has in place or has participated in a US DOT compliant drug and alcohol testing program for a minimum of five years.	YES	NO
2.	The Contractor has a program that ensures that employees are medically certified as physically qualified to plow that has been in place for a minimum of five years.	YES	NO
3.	The Contractor's employees are trained and knowledgeable in all applicable OSHA requirements.	YES	NO

### WORK LOCATIONS

The following map and table indicate the crew locations where MaineDOT expects to require Snow Fighter Services.



In the following table, place a checkmark next to any location where you are **willing to provide positions**. The number of checkmarks may exceed the number of positions being offered, as positions may be used in different locations for different storms.

Crew Number	Crew Location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crew Number	Crew Location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
71101	REGION 1 NORTH BERWICK		71304	REGION 3 FAIRBANKS	
71102	REGION 1 ALFRED		71305	REGION 3 SOLON	
71103	REGION 1 SCARBOROUGH		71306	REGION 3 ATHENS	
71105	REGION 1 TOPSHAM		71307	REGION 3 DALLAS	
71106	REGION 1 GRAY		71308	REGION 3 JACKMAN	
71107	REGION 1 STANDISH		71322	REGION 3 JAY	
71108	REGION 1 POLAND		71324	REGION 3 KINGFIELD	
71109	REGION 1 BRIDGTON		71401	REGION 4 BAILEYVILLE	
71114	REGION 1 FREEPORT		71402	REGION 4 JONESBORO	
71119	REGION 1 FRYEBURG		71403	REGION 4 HANCOCK	
71211	REGION 2 EDGECOMB		71404	REGION 4 BANGOR	
71213	REGION 2 WASHINGTON		71405	REGION 4 PLYMOUTH	
71214	REGION 2 RICHMOND		71406	REGION 4 ENFIELD	
71216	REGION 2 AUGUSTA		71407	REGION 4 GUILFORD	
71217	REGION 2 FAIRFIELD		71409	REGION 4 EDDINGTON	
71218	REGION 2 KNOX		71503	REGION 5 OAKFIELD	
71301	REGION 3 PARIS		71504	REGION 5 HOULTON	
71302	REGION 3 DIXFIELD		71505	REGION 5 PRESQUE ISLE	
71303	REGION 3 BETHEL		71506	REGION 5 CARIBOU	
			71508	REGION 5 ASHLAND	

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 site 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.

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*Signature* *Date*

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*(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.

### Basis of Apparent Low Bidder Selection

The Bidder with the lowest responsive Bid as determined by the Department, will be offered the “Primary Position” for the location of their choosing, and at other locations up to the number of positions that the bidder offers. In ascending order, the next lowest responsive Bids will be offered the “Primary Positions” at the remaining locations. Bidders with responsive bids that are not determined to be low may be offered backup positions at some locations. The Primary Position designation means that Contractor will be called first for that location. All Bidders may not be awarded a contract. MaineDOT reserves the right to reject bids in excess of the engineer’s estimate.

The Department will analyze the price of items contained in the Bid of the Apparent Successful Bidders. If a Bid is Mathematically Unbalanced, the Department may, in its discretion, notify the Apparent Successful Bidder and request an explanation. Mathematically Unbalanced means a Bid containing lump sum or Unit Prices that do not reflect reasonable direct costs plus a reasonable proportionate share of the Bidder’s anticipated profit, overhead costs, and other indirect costs. There shall be no negotiation or changes in prices. If the Bidder fails to provide a reasonable explanation, and if the Department finds the Bid is Materially Unbalanced, the Department may reject the Bid as non-responsive and may take any action that is in the best interests of the Department.

### Contract Time

Snow Fighter Services will be utilized as necessary between October 15 and May 1 of each winter season. As Work arises, MaineDOT will contact the Supervisor to identify plowing needs at specific locations and Supervisor shall call out the CEs designated by the Contractor. The Contractor must provide the designated CEs in response to a Call Out.

Beginning on the Friday before the first full week in December and continuing until the Friday before the first Friday in April, the Contractor’s supervisor shall email a list of available positions for the upcoming week to certain designated MaineDOT personnel. This email shall be sent prior to 10:00 a.m. each Friday and will determine the number of eligible positions that will be available for call out throughout the coming week. This number of eligible positions will establish the Standby Rate through the following week, beginning on Saturday morning at 12:01 a.m. and extending to Friday night at midnight.

If a contractor identifies that a position will be available in the upcoming week and that position fails to report to work on a call-out during that week, the Standby Rate for that position will not be paid for that week. Excessive failure to respond to call outs may result in a reduction of approved, eligible positions that may receive a Standby Rate and may also serve as justification for contract termination.

### Scope of Work

This Work is to include, but is not limited to, providing the Contractor to utilize its employees to plow routes designated by MaineDOT using assigned state equipment as needed by MaineDOT. The Contractors' designated supervisors (hereinafter "Supervisors") may be required to contact the Contractors' Employees (hereinafter "CE" [singular] or "CEs" [plural]) with as little as one hour notice if they are placed on the "short call list." The CEs may be required to operate MaineDOT loaders and load a designated MaineDOT truck during winter operations. The Contractor shall maintain a list of available personnel, including both Supervisors and CEs, meeting the qualifications set forth in this bid and their contact information.

Assigned work will be performed at the bid rates as stated in the "Schedule of Items".

### Operational Requirements

The Contractor shall provide reference contact names and telephone numbers of at least 3 previous customers (these may include MaineDOT personnel) that have had similar work done by the key staff who will be assigned to perform work under this contract.

The Contractor shall identify the key staff that will be assigned to fulfill contract requirements and provide a detailed statement of their qualifications and summary of their relevant experience and knowledge.

The Supervisor may be a working Supervisor who also plows, and in such a case, all requirements of the Contract that apply to other CEs shall apply to such a working Supervisor. MaineDOT will notify the Supervisor of the work in response to a Call Out. The Supervisor shall notify the CEs and ensure that a CE is furnished for each position required by this Contract. CEs shall be at the designated MaineDOT maintenance facility and ready to work within at least one hour after the Department makes the Call Out. The Contractor shall be paid for a minimum of four hours for each Call Out.

The Contractor shall provide CEs that have completed and passed basic safety training for the work expected to be performed including training on personal protective equipment, and OSHA 10 Hour General Industry training. MaineDOT will provide "Snow Fighter training" to CEs that will address the operation of plow trucks, application of materials to the highway, plowing policies and procedures, and loader yard training.

MaineDOT will also provide supplemental information regarding MaineDOT safety and operational practices and policies to the Supervisor for distribution to the CEs.

The Contractor (or its representative Supervisor or CE) shall determine if the designated state equipment is ready for service, in accordance with federal requirements and MaineDOT policy, prior to beginning Work on any day and as needed. If the CE identifies any specific reason(s) why a piece of equipment should not be operated, the Supervisor shall immediately report it to the Department.

In order to be considered for the award of this contract, the Bidder and key employees that will be assigned to the Work in this Contract shall have successfully completed projects of similar size and scope and have sufficient experience in Snow Fighting. experience shall include, at a minimum, at least two (2) projects of equal or greater complexity than the work required by this Contract completed by the Bidder in the last five (5) years.

The Contractor shall maintain current licenses, authorizations, ratings and registrations for the duration of the contract.

The Bidder shall be able to comply with the Contract Requirements, be able to deliver according to the contract schedule, and have a history of satisfactory performance.

Contractor must collect and submit a completed and signed vehicle-use agreement form for each CE for MaineDOT's approval.

Contractor must maintain a list of the Contractor's Supervisors and qualified personnel for each MaineDOT maintenance facility. Each list must be updated whenever eligible personnel changes but must also be updated at least seasonally.

Contractor must continually provide all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed to perform job duties and comply with established safety guidelines and procedures. Such PPE shall include the following items for each position: hard hat, class 3 safety vest, safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, and steel/safety-toed boots.

Contractor through either the CE or Supervisor shall immediately report to MaineDOT any damage to public or private property of any kind or any accidents or injuries that may involve, be caused by or occur within the immediate vicinity of the CEs.

The Contractor shall contact the Contract Administrator, in order to coordinate the work. The Contractor shall submit invoices to the Contract Administrator as described in this contract. The Department may assign a designated alternate to the Contract Administrator. The Contractor will be notified of any such change.

Contractor must have in place, or participate in, a US DOT compliant drug and alcohol testing program. MaineDOT will provide no drug or alcohol testing services to the Contractor or its personnel. The Contractor must submit certification, prior to award, that they have, and properly administer, a program that meets US DOT requirements.

Contractor must have a program that ensures that its employees will not operate a snowplow unless they are medically certified as physically qualified to do so. The Contractor must submit certification, prior to award, that they have and properly administer a program that meets these requirements.

The Contractor MUST certify that all personnel provided to the MaineDOT in accordance with this Contract have completed the required pre-employment prior employer background checks, have passed a pre-employment drug test and are currently members of a random drug and alcohol testing pool. The Contractor will certify that their supervisory personnel meet the DOT supervisor requirements for CDL programs. The Contractor also agrees that the certification will be subject to state audit at the sole discretion of the state.

If a MaineDOT supervisor determines that reasonable suspicion exists for the testing of a CE, the MaineDOT supervisor will notify the Supervisor and the Contractor shall take the CE for immediate testing (in the case it is a working Supervisor under reasonable suspicion for testing, MaineDOT will notify that working Supervisor's supervisor, or the appropriate contact person identified by Contractor). Contractor shall provide MaineDOT with a copy of the test results. Failure to comply with this section may result in termination of all positions provided by the Contractor.

Contractor shall not provide any CE who has tested positive as a result of a random drug and alcohol test until such time as the CE has successfully completed the Substance Abuse Professional Evaluation Procedures and has been cleared to return to duty. The Contractor shall provide copies of the return to duty test results to MaineDOT.

Contractor shall certify that any CE provided to the MaineDOT in accordance with this Contract who has returned to duty following a positive drug or alcohol test is in compliance with the follow-up drug and or alcohol testing requirements. The Contractor also agrees that the certification will be subject to state audit at the sole discretion of the state.

#### Minimum Snow Fighter Position Qualifications

The following is a list of the Minimum Requirements for positions provided under this contract.

1. Contractor's Employee must be included in a USDOT compliant drug and alcohol testing program.
2. Contractor's Employee must be medically certified that he or she is qualified to operate a snowplow.
3. Contractor's Employee must possess at a minimum a current State of Maine Class B CDL license. Out of State license may be allowed with provided MVR.
4. Contractor's Employee must meet the requirements to drive a state vehicle listed below.
5. Contractor's Employee must pass MaineDOT's Snow Fighter Exam.
6. Contractor's Employee must pass MaineDOT's Loader Yard Certification.

7. Contractor's Employee must not have an excessive number of accident review board and disciplinary actions issued by prior and current places of employment, as determined by the Department.
8. Contractor's Supervisor and employee must be able to communicate effectively to others either in person, over the phone or by radio and must be able to communicate effectively in emergency situations.
9. Contractor's Employee must be able to perform assigned work effectively with minimum supervision.
10. Contractor's Employee must have knowledge of all Laws and OSHA requirements and must be familiar with MaineDOT's safety and operational practices, including the seat belt work rule and the procedures to be followed in case of a vehicle accident.
11. Contractor's Employee must have cellular phone, phone and/or pager in order to be contacted 24/7 for emergency situations.

#### CDL Driver Qualifications

Persons other than state employees may not operate vehicles registered to the State of Maine until all of the following criteria are met:

1. The CE driver shall be at least 18 years of age.
2. The use of the vehicle must be related to the fulfillment of the mission of that State of Maine governmental entity permitting such use of the vehicle.
3. Permission must be granted by an authorized official within the State of Maine governmental department to whom the vehicle is registered.
4. A Vehicle Use Agreement form must be signed by the CE driver, by a State departmental official, and when necessary, approved by Risk Management Division.
5. CE drivers must not have had their license suspended, nor have been convicted of any drug or alcohol related driving violations, nor have been convicted of any unsafe motor vehicle operations including but not limited to speeding, improper passing, failure to yield right of way or stop sign violations. Persons who have been convicted of one or more vehicle violations in the past five years will be evaluated for insurability by Risk Management Division on a case by case basis. Risk Management does not have the ability to check out of state motor vehicle records (MVRS).

Therefore, any CE signing a vehicle use agreement form who has an out of state license MUST (at his/her or your agency's expense) provide MaineDOT with a current MVR from their state before we can continue the approval process. Risk Management will continue to check Maine motor vehicle records at no expense.

6. CE drivers who are notified that their driver's license will be or is suspended must advise MaineDOT no later than the next working day and immediately stop Work; and,
7. CE drivers are prohibited from smoking, carrying or having in their possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off tobacco smoke or vapor in a state vehicle.
8. CE drivers are prohibited from having firearms in a state vehicle.

MaineDOT will review, evaluate and score every accident in as accordance with MaineDOT's Bureau of Maintenance & Operations' Accident/Injury Matrix policy. If the CE accumulates too many points, as determined by MaineDOT, MaineDOT will not allow that CE to operate a state vehicle. In this event, MaineDOT and the Contractor may continue the contract or choose to terminate the Contract. If MaineDOT's insurer determines that a Contractor or CE is prejudicial to the State's insurance program, MaineDOT will not allow the driver to operate a state vehicle.

#### Post-bid Qualification Submittals

The Department will notify the Apparent Successful Bidder of the requirements for post-bid, pre-award qualifications and the Bidder shall provide all of the items within seven (7) days of the notice. The Contractor shall submit two copies or an electronic copy of all required submittals to the Department.

The Bidder may be required to submit evidence of compliance with all Contractor Requirements set forth in this Contract.

If the Bidder does not have a history of satisfactory performance performing similar Work under contracts with the Department that meets the Contractor Requirements regarding experience, the Bidder may be required to submit written documentation setting forth the experience of the Bidder and the Bidder's key personnel who will be performing the Work specified in the contract documents, including a description of similar work completed in the last five (5) years that highlight the Bidder's related experience. Such information shall include:

1. the Company's history and experience of work related specifically to the Scope of Work in this contract;
2. the key personnel's experience and number of years performing work related specifically to the Scope of Work in this contract;
3. the name of the owner for whom the work was performed;
4. the name and telephone number of a contact person;
5. a description and value of the work performed by key personnel.

The Bidder may be required to submit the relevant experience of the key personnel and supervisors who will be performing Work under this contract, their experience and number of years performing work related specifically to the Scope of Work in this contract.

The Bidder's submittal may be required to include a statement describing the personnel and equipment available for the Work and demonstrating that the Bidder is able to deliver according to the contract schedule. Contractors may be required post bid pre award to demonstrate they meet some of the contractor requirements.

Upon receipt of the pre-award submittals, the Department will review the submissions and determine if the submitted evidence or information satisfies the Department requirement that the bidder is qualified to properly carry out the terms of the Contract.

Bidders shall ensure that all information required herein is submitted. Provision of inaccurate information or failure to provide all completed and required information may result in the Bidder being determined to be "Not Qualified" or disqualified as non-responsive. Within 14 days, the Department will review the submissions and determine if the available evidence or information satisfies the Department requirement that the bidder is qualified to properly carry out the terms of the Contract. The Department reserves the right to communicate in writing with Bidders, if needed, to obtain additions to and/or clarification of information contained in the submittals received. The qualifications submitted will be checked for general conformance with the concept of the project and compliance with the requirements set out in the Contract Documents. Review by the Department, comments by the Department, or any failure to review or comment, shall not absolve the Contractor of its responsibility or to shift any responsibility to the Department. The Bidder shall have 3 days to submit additions and clarifications. The Bidder will have no additional opportunity to submit or clarify information. The Department will not provide an opportunity for the Bidder to meet to present evidence.

Based on these submissions, the Department will make one of the following determinations:

1. Qualified - The Contractor has satisfied the post-bid, pre-award qualification requirements and demonstrated to the Department's satisfaction that it is responsible, can meet the Contractor Requirements set forth in this contract, and is qualified to perform this type of work.
2. Not Qualified - Bidder is not qualified to properly carry out the terms of the Contract and/or the submission does not meet specifications and accepted standards and is not acceptable, as determined by the Department.

There is no Appeal process and the determination of "Not Qualified" is final. The Department will reject the bid as non-responsive, and the Award process will proceed without the unqualified Bidder.

The Department will notify the Bidder of its determination in writing. If a determination of “Not Qualified” is rendered, the notice will set forth reasons to the extent practical. Such reasons may include the following:

- A. Not meeting contract Contractor Requirements
- B. Insufficient experience
- C. Default(s) or termination(s) on past or current Contracts.
- D. Failure to pay or settle all bills for labor, Materials or services on past or current Contracts.
- E. Failure to comply with directives of the Department on past or current Contracts.
- F. "Below Standard" performance as determined from the Department's Contractor's Performance Rating process.
- G. Failure to accept an Award of a Contract made by the Department to the Contractor.
- H. Making materially false, deceptive, or misleading Statements or omissions, whether or not under oath, regarding a claim on prior Contracts or on the Contractor's Prequalification Application or the Post-Bid Qualifications submittals.
- I. Failure to provide information requested by the Department pursuant to this Special Provision.
- J. Any of the reasons contained in Section 102.02 of the “Rules Regarding Debarment of Contractors”, Maine Department of Transportation Register 17-229, Chapter 102 (October 2, 1985).
- K. Debarment or suspension by any federal, State, or local governmental procurement agency or the Contractor's Agreement to refrain from Bidding as part of the settlement with any such agencies.
- L. Other serious misconduct that the Department reasonably determines will substantially and adversely affect the cost, quality or timeliness of Work, or the safety of Workers or the public.

### Measurement and Payment

The Contractor be eligible to receive the Standby Rate once each available Snow Fighter meets the Minimum Snow Fighter Position Qualifications and becomes fully certified and available for call out by the Department. **Standby payments will only be made for ELIGIBLE positions that are available within the Standby Period, which begins on the Saturday prior to the first full week in December and ends on the first Friday in April**

For the purpose of billing the Hourly Rate, the Department will work with the Contractor to pre-establish a Primary Position Base (typically a person's residence) for each authorized position. Travel time FROM and TO this Primary Position Base to any assigned Crew Location will be established using the most logical and expeditious route defined in Google Maps. The Round-Trip Travel Time (RTT) will be rounded to the nearest ½ hour and added to the time actually worked, whenever actual travel occurs. When travel is significantly impacted by weather, the Department may authorize a reasonable increase associated with this RTT. The total number of hours actually worked will also be rounded off to the nearest 1/2 hour and added to the approved RTT to establish the total billable hours. The CE shall complete a Daily Work Verification Form (provided by the Department), submit the white copy of the form to the Department's supervisor, and retain the yellow copy for the Contractor's records.

The Contract amount will be determined by the actual work authorized and performed in accordance with the prices included in Appendix A.

MaineDOT will pay the Contractor according to the available Snow Fighters list turned in every Friday for the upcoming week at a flat rate for each approved position for each week at the rates bid in the Schedule of Items.

MaineDOT will pay based upon prices bid and approved invoices submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the Contract provisions.

### Default and Termination

If the Contractor's Supervisor and/or CEs fail to adhere to obligations of this Contract, MaineDOT may give written Notice of Default to the Contractor. Failure to give Notice is in no way a waiver by MaineDOT of its right to enforce any provision of the Contract.

Upon a 3rd Notice of Default, MaineDOT may remove the Supervisor or a CE from the Call List and not allow that CE to operate a state vehicle. In this event, MaineDOT and the Contractor may continue the Contract or choose to terminate the Contract.

Termination for Convenience

The Department may terminate this Contract for convenience or for any reason that is in the best interest of the Department. Terminations caused without fault of or for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor are Terminations for Convenience. The Department will notify the Contractor of such terminations by sending a Notice of Termination for Convenience

In case of a Termination for Convenience, the Department will pay for all Accepted items of Work as of the date of termination at agreed upon prices. The Contractor shall make all Work records available to the Department upon request regarding payment under this Section. Acceptable Materials, obtained by the Contractor for the Work but which have not been incorporated therein, may at the option of the Department be purchased from the Contractor at Actual Costs delivered to a prescribed location or otherwise disposed of as mutually agreed.

Termination of the contract shall not relieve the Contractor of its contractual responsibilities for the work completed prior to termination (including warranty obligations), nor shall it relieve the Surety of its obligation for claims arising from the Work or the Contract.

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

“All Bidders with the responsive responsible Bids as determined by the Department. A responsive responsible Bidder that is Awarded the Contract. The Department may not execute the Contract with the Apparent Successful Bidders 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 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 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 Holidays Amend this paragraph by adding “Juneteenth” between ‘Memorial Day’ and ‘Independence Day’.

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

“All responsive, responsible bidders 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 Bidders.”

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 102  
BIDDING

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 location, WIN and 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, 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.”

102.9 Bid Opening Delete the section in its entirety and replace with the following:

“Bids will be opened and publicly read at the time and place specified in the Notice to Contractors or any applicable Bid Amendments. The Department will read only the names of the Bidders. No other information will be made available prior to evaluation and award notification. Unit and lump sum prices are available for inspection by the Bidders immediately after Award. All Bids shall be sequestered until notification of award by the contracting agency after which time they become public record.

If, after the scheduled opening, the Department determines that there is not sufficient coverage of On-Call Services of the entire area being bid on, the Department may schedule a second bid opening date which extends the advertisement period of this Contract. Contractors will be notified of the new opening date by the normal Bid Amendment process. If the Bid Opening date is extended, any Bidders that have previously submitted Bids may choose **to** revise or **not to** revise their Bids. If the Bidder chooses to revise their Bid, they must resubmit a complete Bid Package which shall include a Bid and all other documents required in the Bid Documents and the original Bid will be returned to the Bidder. The Bid Package with the latest (newest) date shall replace all previously submitted packages.

The public reading of a Bid does not constitute a determination by the Department of whether the Bid is responsive or of whether the Bidder is responsible, though the Department may refuse to read Bids that are obviously non-responsive. Accordingly, the Department may reject a Bid as non-responsive and/or determine a Bidder is not responsible or ineligible to Bid even if that Bidder's Bid is read at Bid Opening."

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."

102.11.1 Non-curable Bid Defects Revise this subsection by removing the words "The unit price and bid amount is not provided or a lump sum price is not provided or is illegible as determined by the Department." and replacing it with the following:

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

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

103.1.1 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."

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

"The Department has 30 Days following Bid Opening to Deliver a written Notice of Intent to Award and request a payment bond, performance bond, insurance bond, special certifications, and other information from the Apparent Successful Bidders. If prequalification is required and an Apparent Successful Bidder is not prequalified at the time of Bid Opening, the Department shall have 15 days from the successful completion of the Prequalification process or 30 days following Bid Opening; whichever is longer. Once these pre-execution conditions are met, the Department will execute the Contract and notify the Contractor of the award with a written Notice of Award. If a Notice of Award is not sent within 30 days of receipt of the proper bonds, insurance, and other pre-award requirements, an Apparent Successful Bidder may withdraw its Bid without forfeiture of its Bid Guaranty or Bidding eligibility. The Notice of Intent to Award will set forth and/or reference the conditions that the Bidder must fulfill before Contract Execution. If the Department and an Apparent Successful Bidder agree, an extension beyond the 30 days of the Bid and Bid prices may occur and the Bid remains viable. For a related provision, see Section 103.5."

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."

103.5.4 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 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.”

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 104  
GENERAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

104.3.8A. Federal Wage Rates and Labor Laws Delete the entire section 104.3.8A. Federal Wage Rates do not apply to this work.

104.3.8B State Wage Rates and Labor Laws Delete the entire section 104.3.8B.

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 109  
CHANGES

109.1.2 Substantial Changes to Major Items Delete the entire section 109.1.2.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
FOR STATE FUNDED TRANSPORTATION RELATED MAINTENANCE WORK

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

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

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

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

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

5. **CHANGES IN THE WORK** The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract, the Contract Amount being adjusted accordingly. In no event shall Contractor fail or refuse to continue the performance of its obligations under this Contract because of the inability of the parties to agree on an adjustment or adjustments. Any changes to the Contract that affect scope, compensation, time, quality, or other Contract requirements shall be by written Contract Modification, signed by both parties.

6. **SUBCONTRACTS** The Contractor is responsible for assuring that its subcontractors have sufficient skill and experience to perform the pursuant to the Contract. The Contractor is responsible for subcontractors that it employs and for coordinating and managing its subcontractors. The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless MaineDOT from and against all claims and causes of action arising out of any act or omission of Contractor's subcontractors, their agents, representatives, and employees. The Contractor agrees to indemnify the MaineDOT and hold it harmless from any claims asserted by, against or on behalf of Contractor's subcontractors. Included in this release is the

Contractor's agreement to waive any claims against MaineDOT to recover losses allegedly suffered by a subcontractor. If Work under this Contract is performed pursuant to subcontracts, the Contractor's obligations are not diminished and the Contractor remains responsible for all Work under the Contract.

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

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

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

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

- b. The Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertising for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor relating to this Contract, state that all qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.
- c. The Contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of the workers with which it has a collective bargaining Contract, or other Contract or understanding, whereby it is furnished with labor for the performance of this Contract a notice to be provided by the contracting agency, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitment under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- d. The Contractor shall inform the contracting Department's Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator of any discrimination complaints brought to an external regulatory body (Maine Human Rights Commission, EEOC, Office of Civil Rights) against their agency by any individual as well as any lawsuit regarding alleged discriminatory practice.
- e. The Contractor shall comply with all aspects of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in employment and in the provision of Work to include accessibility and reasonable accommodations for employees and clients.
- f. Contractors and subcontractors with contracts in excess of \$50,000 shall also pursue in good faith affirmative action programs.

- g. The Contractor shall cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in any subcontract for any work covered by this Contract so that such provisions shall be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

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

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

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

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

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

If for any reason the Contractor is unable to complete the work in an acceptable manner the Department may give written Notice of Default to the Contractor, which will outline the required remedies. Any

delay by the Department in providing a written Notice of Default shall in no way constitute a waiver by the Department of any provision of the Contract. If the Department determines the default is not curable, the notice of default shall also include the date of termination. Termination of the Contract or portion thereof shall not relieve the Contractor of its Contractual responsibilities for the Work completed.

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

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

15. **GOVERNING LAW** This Contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws, statutes, and regulations of the United States of America and of the State of Maine. Any legal proceeding against the State regarding this Contract shall be brought in State of Maine administrative or judicial forums. The Contractor consents to personal jurisdiction in the State of Maine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Contract Agreement, Transportation Related Maintenance Work
- Bid Amendments (most recent to least recent)
- Appendix A – Special Provision Specifications of Work to be Performed or Request for Proposals
- Appendix B – Special Provisions for State Funded Transportation Related Maintenance Work
- Appendix C – Special Provisions
- Any remaining appendices in alphabetical order.
- Any remaining Special Provisions
- The Department's Notice to Contractors and any amendments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 26. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Incomplete, Inaccurate or Incorrect Invoices,
- B. Defective Work or Non-conforming Work,
- C. Damages for Non-conforming, Defective or Unauthorized Work or Equipment,
- D. Damage to a third party,
- E. Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims,
- F. Failure of the Contractor to make payments to Subcontractors or for Materials or labor, or failure of Subcontractors to make payments to Sub-Subcontractors or for Materials or labor,
- G. Regulatory non-compliance or enforcement,
- H. Failure to submit Documentation
- I. All other causes that the Department reasonably determines negatively affect the State's interest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33. **ENTIRE CONTRACT** This document contains the entire Contract of the parties, and neither party shall be bound by any statement or representation not contained herein. No waiver shall be deemed to have been made by any of the parties unless expressed in writing and signed by the waiving

party. The parties expressly agree that they shall not assert in any action relating to the Contract that any implied waiver occurred between the parties which is not expressed in writing. The failure of any party to insist in any one or more instances upon strict performance of any of the terms or provisions of the Contract, or to exercise an option or election under the Contract, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such terms, provisions, option or election, but the same shall continue in full force and effect, and no waiver by any party of any one or more of its rights or remedies under the Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent rights or remedy under the Contract or at law.