

# **MULCHING**

**ON CALL EQUIPMENT RENTAL  
with an Operator**

**REGIONS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5**

**2025**

**PH20250129MULC**

**Updated 05/15/2020**

# **STATE PROJECT**

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

## 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.

**NOTE: Electronic Bids will not be accepted for this bid.**

2. As a minimum, the following should be received prior to the time of Bid opening: a) a copy of the Notice to Contractors, b) the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form, c) the completed Appendix A, d) two copies of the completed and signed Contract Agreement form, and e) any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.
3. Include prices for all items to be bid when completing Appendix A.
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

WIN and/or Title: On Call Mulching with an Operator

Towns, Regions or Location: Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor with mailing address and telephone number

In Addition to the usual address information, the *Outer Envelope* should have written or typed on it:

Double Envelope: Bid Enclosed

WIN and/or Title: On Call Mulching with an Operator

Towns, Regions or Location: Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

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:

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Bidder should submit a Certificate of Insurance listing MaineDOT as additional insured and certificate holder when submitting a bid or shortly thereafter. Send Certificate of Insurance to [suzanne.turcotte@wsp.com](mailto:suzanne.turcotte@wsp.com).

*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.

## RFI No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Complete this form and fax to 207-624-3431, Attn: Project Manager (name listed on the “Notice to Contractors”), or Email questions to [RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov](mailto:RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov). Please include the word “RFI” along with the Project Name and Identification Number in the Subject line, or electronically by using the RFI Tab located on the Individual Projects Detail page.**

### **Vendor Registration**

Prospective Bidders must register as a vendor with the Department of Administrative & Financial Services if the vendor is awarded a contract. Vendors will not be able to receive payment without first being registered. Vendors/Contractors will find information and register through the following link –

<http://www.maine.gov/purchases/venbid/index.shtml>



## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Bids addressed to the Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333 and endorsed on the wrapper "Bids for **ON CALL MULCHING – EQUIPMENT RENTAL WITH AN OPERATOR** in **REGIONS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5**" 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 **February 19, 2025** and at that time and place, publicly opened and read. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. All responsive bidders must demonstrate successful completion of projects of similar size and scope to be considered for the award of this contract. **Electronic Bidding will not be available for this bid.**

Description: On Call Mulching with an Operator

Location: In Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 PH20250129MULC

Outline of Work: Provide equipment with operators for use on construction and maintenance work on an as needed basis and other incidental work. Bidders may bid on one or more regions.

Basis of Award: The Department and each responsive, responsible bidder who meets the requirements and specifications may enter into a Contract. The Contractor with the lowest rate for the region for the particular equipment in the equipment category with the appropriate attachments and capabilities for the Region will have first option to furnish the equipment.

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 **John McDonough** 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 obtained from the Maine Department of Transportation, **Attn.: Mailroom**, 24 Child Street, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016 or requested by telephone at (207) 624-3536 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

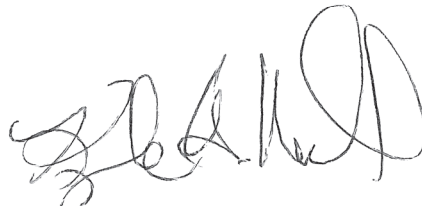
Each Bid must be made upon blank forms provided by the Department.

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  
January 29, 2025



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)

TEDOCS No. \_\_\_\_\_  
MATS No. \_\_\_\_\_

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
Private Equipment Rental Agreement – with an Operator

**ON CALL MULCHING Bid Rates**

This Private Equipment Rental Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “**Contract**”) is entered into by and between the **MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** (hereinafter referred to as “**MaineDOT**”), an agency of state government with its principal administrative offices located at Child Street, Augusta, Maine and \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation or other legal entity (hereinafter referred to as “**Contractor**”). The following attachments are hereby incorporated into this Contract by reference:

**Appendix A –Rental Rates for Equipment with an Operator**

MaineDOT and the Contractor, hereby agree that the Contractor shall provide the equipment described in Appendix A and a licensed experienced operator to perform construction and maintenance services (hereinafter referred to as “**Work**”) as requested and directed by MaineDOT and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth below. This Contract is not a guarantee of work; Contractor shall be hired on an as needed basis during the term of this Contract.

1. **Work & Term.** The Contractor agrees to provide the equipment listed in Appendix A.

This Contract becomes effective on the date last signed by MaineDOT and constitutes the earliest date for which Work may commence. The term of the Contract will continue until **March 31, 2026.** MaineDOT does not guarantee the use of any of the equipment listed in Appendix A.

2. **Equipment.** Contractor shall be responsible for all fuel, grease, oil, maintenance, servicing, operation, protection required for their equipment, in addition to mobilization and all other incidentals. Contractor shall provide for the required vehicle insurance, registration and licensing of any equipment used to perform the services herein.

3. **Contact Information.** All correspondence and reports will be sent to the individual below.

**Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attn:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX#:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Standard of Care and Correction of Errors.** Contractor hereby represents and warrants that the Contractor and its employees have the requisite skills, and expertise to perform all Work using the accepted standards of care in the Contractor's profession or occupation. If MaineDOT finds either the equipment or the operator to be unsatisfactory, the Contractor shall provide an immediate, acceptable replacement that conforms to the contract so as to avoid any impact on the project schedule. If Contractor is unable to provide such a replacement in a timely manner, MaineDOT reserves the right to hire a new Contractor to complete the Work.

5. **Insurance Requirements.**

**Contractor Procured Insurance.** Signed, valid, and enforceable Certificates of Insurance shall be provided to the MaineDOT upon execution of the Contract and whenever said policies are renewed thereafter during the period of the Contract. All insurance coverage must be provided by an insurance company or companies licensed or approved to do business in the State of Maine by the Maine Bureau of Insurance. Contractor shall pay all premiums and take all other actions necessary to keep required insurances in effect during such times as Contract obligations exist. Any requests for waivers, to the requirements below, shall be submitted to the MaineDOT.

**Commercial General Liability Insurance.** The Contractor and Sub-contractor(s) shall purchase and maintain a policy of Commercial General Liability or other coverage affording equal or greater protection as determined by the MaineDOT, in an amount not less than \$400,000 per occurrence and not less than \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. Such policy shall include products and completed operations as well as contractual liability coverage and must name MaineDOT as an additional insured.

**Automobile Liability Insurance.** The Contractor and Sub-contractor(s) shall carry Automobile Liability insurance covering the operation of all motor vehicles including any which are rented, leased, borrowed or otherwise used in connection with the project. The limit of liability under this section shall be no less than \$400,000 per occurrence.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Contractor shall carry Workers' Compensation Insurance or shall qualify as a self-insurer in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Maine.

6. **Rates.** Equipment will be paid for at the Period Equipment Rental Payment Rate per hour which is the rate bid and adjusted based on the variance in costs for the diesel fuel component of the work. Rate adjustments will be made upward or downward, as diesel prices increase or decrease. Adjustments will be as determined by the Department as follows:

**Base Fuel Price:** The base price of diesel fuel is the price per gallon shown as the weekly retail cost of diesel fuel for the U.S. On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices, New England Subdistrict (PADD1A) found at <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/> for the date most immediately preceding the Bid Opening Date.

**Period Fuel Price:** The period price is the price per gallon shown as the weekly retail cost of diesel fuel for the U.S. On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices, New England Subdistrict (PADD1A) found at <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/> for the date most immediately preceding the adjustment period dates of March 20 and August 1 of each year.

**Base Equipment Rental Rate:** The Base Equipment Rental Rate shall be the hourly rate bid.

Period Equipment Rental Rate: The Period Equipment Rental Rate is the rate bid and adjusted in accordance with the chart below.

Difference between Base Fuel Price and Period Fuel Price	Adjustment to Base Equipment Rental Rate to get Period Equipment Rental Rate
Increase of \$0.00 – \$0.49	No change
Increase of \$0.50 - \$1.49	Increase \$5.00
Increase of \$1.50 – \$2.49	Increase \$10.00
Increase of \$2.50 – \$3.49	Increase \$15.00
Decrease of \$0.00 - \$0.99	No change
Decrease of \$1.00 or more	Decrease \$5.00

Adjustment Period: The Equipment Rental Payment Rates will become effective on the second Saturday after the Adjustment period dates of March 20 and August 1 of each year and will remain in effect until the next period adjustment.

Mobilization to and from the jobsite will not be paid separately and will be considered incidental to the base rental rate.

Any rate established by bid shall be considered to be unique and therefore, not a basis for making changes in the published “Private Equipment Rates” found at [www.maine.gov/mdot/csd/laborrates/](http://www.maine.gov/mdot/csd/laborrates/) . Rates greater than published rates will only be paid when the rates are bid or suitable equipment and operators are not available at or below published rates. Mobilization to and from the jobsite will not be paid separately and will be considered incidental to the base rental rate.

7. **Assignments.** For Work paid at greater than the published rates, Work will be assigned under these agreements according to the following process: The Contractor with the lowest bid for the particular Equipment with the appropriate attachments and capabilities for the Region (the “Assignment”) will have first option to furnish the equipment. If this Contractor is unable to accept the Assignment, then the MaineDOT will contact the firm that submitted the next lowest bid to see if that Contractor will accept the Assignment and subsequent Contractors in ascending order of the amount of their bids, until a Contractor accepts the Assignment.
8. **Termination and Failure to Perform.** If, a Contractor accepts an assignment and then fails to furnish equipment when required or furnishes unsatisfactory equipment, or fails to meet other contractual requirements, the MaineDOT may issue a written warning. If the Contractor subsequently fails to furnish equipment when required or furnishes unsatisfactory equipment, or fails to meet other contractual requirements, the MaineDOT reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination. Any person employed by the Contractor, who, in the opinion of the MaineDOT, is intemperate or disorderly or jeopardizes safety of any person or the Project shall be removed immediately by the Contractor. The employee shall not be employed again in any portion of the Work without prior approval from the MaineDOT. All persons employed by or through the Contractor, shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Work properly. The MaineDOT may terminate this Contract with or without cause upon 7 days written notice.
9. **Hold Harmless.** The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and holds harmless the MaineDOT and its officers, agents and employees from and against any liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees and court costs), claims and demands arising from:
  - a. bodily injury, including death, and property damage (public or private) that in any way arises out of the acts or omissions of the Contractor, its Subcontractors, or employees, in connection with the performance of this Agreement;

The language in the Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any defense, immunity or limitation of liability that may be afforded the MaineDOT, or its officers, agents or employees, under the Maine Tort Claims Act (Title 14 M.R.S.A. 8101 et. seq.), and shall not constitute a waiver of any other privileges or immunities that may be afforded to the MaineDOT. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

10. **Project Records.** Records shall be available for review by the MaineDOT or its designee, for a period of three (3) years following final payment. The Contractor shall keep records in such form as may be easily audited.

MaineDOT shall complete a Daily Work Verification Form and attest to the equipment, and hours to be measured for payment. This Report must be signed by a MaineDOT representative and the Contractor, and the Department and the Contractor shall each retain a copy of the completed form. If no Report is completed, accepted quantities of equipment rental will be determined by the MaineDOT.

11. **Representations.** By signing below, the Contractor hereby represents that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief:

- a. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
- b. 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 this Contract.

12. **Dispute Resolution.** 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.

13. **Governing Law.** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Government and the State of Maine. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including all applicable OSHA laws and regulations.

14. **Entire Contract.** This Contract consists of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition, Sections 101, 102, &103 and this agreement will be governed by the documents listed above. This document cannot be changed except through the execution of a written modification.

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

**CONTRACTOR**

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

Signatures shall be original in ink.

Stamped and copied signatures will not be accepted.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Award:**

Your offer is hereby accepted for (see marked boxes):

Region 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region 5	<input type="checkbox"/>

This award consummates the Contract and the documents referenced herein.

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Region)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Approval Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Signature & Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Appendix A - Schedule of Items/Rental Rates for Equipment with an Operator**  
**On Call Mulching**

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bidders may bid one or more Regions and may bid one or more equipment categories within the Region(s). Each Region/Equipment Category may or may not be awarded by the Department.**

**Contractors shall attach an Equipment & Rate List containing all of the required information or fill out the form below.**

☐ Equipment & Rates Attached

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.



Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

- 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.
- Unit prices must be legible.
- Do not make handwritten changes to the bid documents.
- Fees must be included in Bid Prices.
- Bids are not accepted by email or FAX.
- Signatures are to be provided on both pages 4 & 6 of Rental Agreement

<b>MACHINE TYPE</b>	<b>MACHINE MAKE, MODEL &amp; YEAR and MULCHER MAKE, MODEL &amp; YEAR</b>	<b>REGION(S)</b>	<b>HOURLY RENTAL RATE</b>
Ex: MULCHER	Ex: 2021 CAT D3K2 STEEL TRACK	Ex: Reg 5	Ex: \$00

TEDOCS No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Attn:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX#:** \_\_\_\_\_

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6. **Rates.** Equipment will be paid for at the Period Equipment Rental Payment Rate per hour which is the rate bid and adjusted based on the variance in costs for the diesel fuel component of the work. Rate adjustments will be made upward or downward, as diesel prices increase or decrease. Adjustments will be as determined by the Department as follows:

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Decrease of \$0.00 - \$0.99	No change
Decrease of \$1.00 or more	Decrease \$5.00

Adjustment Period: The Equipment Rental Payment Rates will become effective on the second Saturday after the Adjustment period dates of March 20 and August 1 of each year and will remain in effect until the next period adjustment.

Mobilization to and from the jobsite will not be paid separately and will be considered incidental to the base rental rate.

Any rate established by bid shall be considered to be unique and therefore, not a basis for making changes in the published “Private Equipment Rates” found at [www.maine.gov/mdot/csd/laborrates/](http://www.maine.gov/mdot/csd/laborrates/) . Rates greater than published rates will only be paid when the rates are bid or suitable equipment and operators are not available at or below published rates. Mobilization to and from the jobsite will not be paid separately and will be considered incidental to the base rental rate.

7. **Assignments.** For Work paid at greater than the published rates, Work will be assigned under these agreements according to the following process: The Contractor with the lowest bid for the particular Equipment with the appropriate attachments and capabilities for the Region (the “Assignment”) will have first option to furnish the equipment. If this Contractor is unable to accept the Assignment, then the MaineDOT will contact the firm that submitted the next lowest bid to see if that Contractor will accept the Assignment and subsequent Contractors in ascending order of the amount of their bids, until a Contractor accepts the Assignment.
8. **Termination and Failure to Perform.** If, a Contractor accepts an assignment and then fails to furnish equipment when required or furnishes unsatisfactory equipment, or fails to meet other contractual requirements, the MaineDOT may issue a written warning. If the Contractor subsequently fails to furnish equipment when required or furnishes unsatisfactory equipment, or fails to meet other contractual requirements, the MaineDOT reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination. Any person employed by the Contractor, who, in the opinion of the MaineDOT, is intemperate or disorderly or jeopardizes safety of any person or the Project shall be removed immediately by the Contractor. The employee shall not be employed again in any portion of the Work without prior approval from the MaineDOT. All persons employed by or through the Contractor, shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Work properly. The MaineDOT may terminate this Contract with or without cause upon 7 days written notice.
9. **Hold Harmless.** The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and holds harmless the MaineDOT and its officers, agents and employees from and against any liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees and court costs), claims and demands arising from:
  - a. bodily injury, including death, and property damage (public or private) that in any way arises out of the acts or omissions of the Contractor, its Subcontractors, or employees, in connection with the performance of this Agreement;

The language in the Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any defense, immunity or limitation of liability that may be afforded the MaineDOT, or its officers, agents or employees, under the Maine Tort Claims Act (Title 14 M.R.S.A. 8101 et. seq.), and shall not constitute a waiver of any other privileges or immunities that may be afforded to the MaineDOT. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

10. **Project Records.** Records shall be available for review by the MaineDOT or its designee, for a period of three (3) years following final payment. The Contractor shall keep records in such form as may be easily audited.

MaineDOT shall complete a Daily Work Verification Form and attest to the equipment, and hours to be measured for payment. This Report must be signed by a MaineDOT representative and the Contractor, and the Department and the Contractor shall each retain a copy of the completed form. If no Report is completed, accepted quantities of equipment rental will be determined by the MaineDOT.

11. **Representations.** By signing below, the Contractor hereby represents that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief:

- a. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
- b. 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 this Contract.

12. **Dispute Resolution.** 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.

13. **Governing Law.** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Government and the State of Maine. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including all applicable OSHA laws and regulations.

14. **Entire Contract.** This Contract consists of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition, Sections 101, 102, &103 and this agreement will be governed by the documents listed above. This document cannot be changed except through the execution of a written modification.

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

**CONTRACTOR**

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

Signatures shall be original in ink.

Stamped and copied signatures will not be accepted.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Award:**

Your offer is hereby accepted for (see marked boxes):

Region 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region 5	<input type="checkbox"/>

This award consummates the Contract and the documents referenced herein.

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Region)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Approval Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Signature & Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Appendix A - Schedule of Items/Rental Rates for Equipment with an Operator**  
**On Call Mulching**

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bidders may bid one or more Regions and may bid one or more equipment categories within the Region(s). Each Region/Equipment Category may or may not be awarded by the Department.**

**Contractors shall attach an Equipment & Rate List containing all of the required information or fill out the form below.**

☐ Equipment & Rates Attached

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.

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

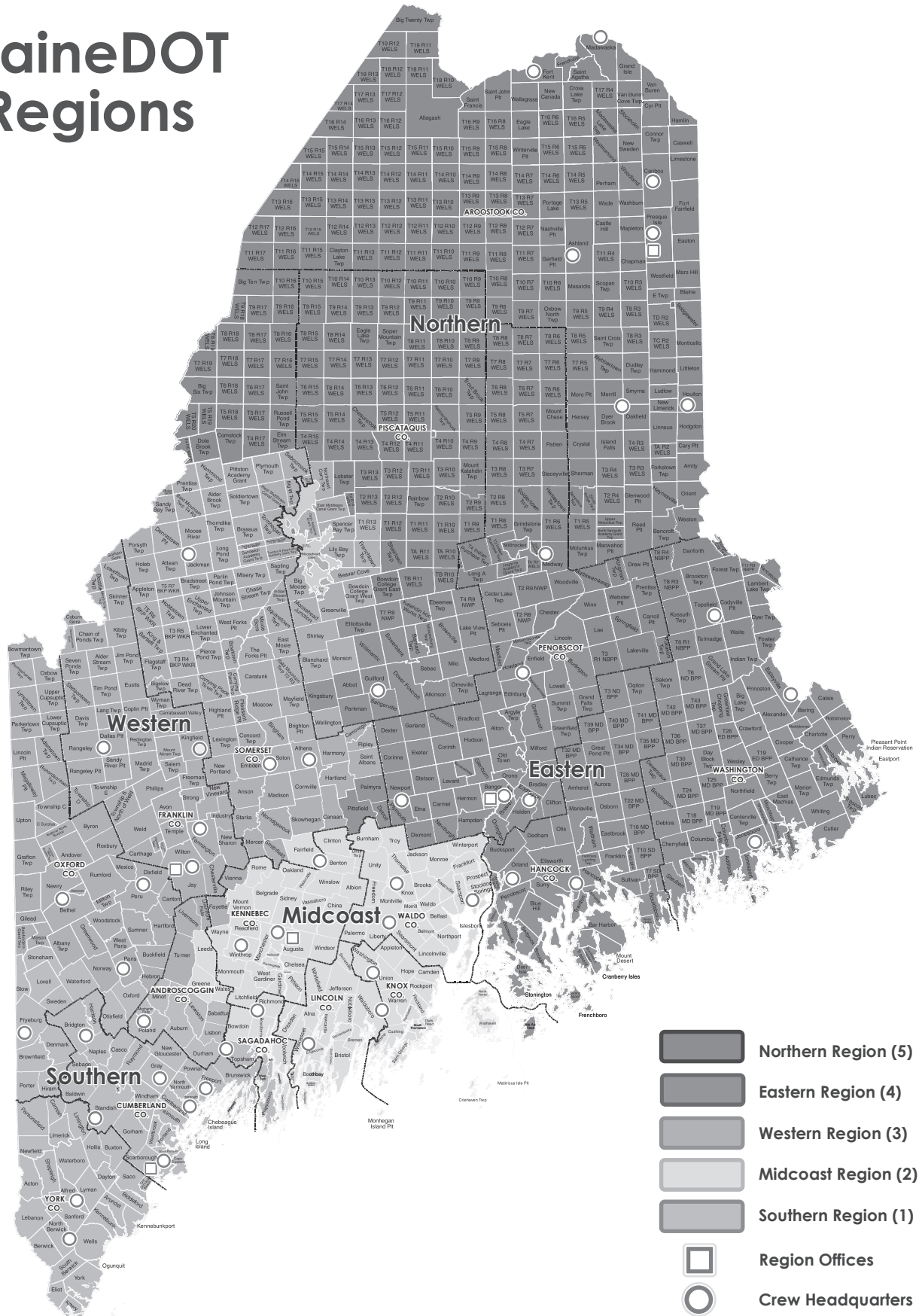
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*(Print Bidder's Name and Title)*

- 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.
- Unit prices must be legible.
- Do not make handwritten changes to the bid documents.
- Fees must be included in Bid Prices.
- Bids are not accepted by email or FAX.
- Signatures are to be provided on both pages 4 & 6 of Rental Agreement

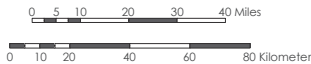
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Ex: MULCHER	Ex: 2021 CAT D3K2 STEEL TRACK	Ex: Reg 5	Ex: \$00



# MaineDOT Regions



Revised Sept. 2020



**SPECIAL PROVISION  
EQUIPMENT RENTAL  
ON CALL MULCHING  
WITH AN OPERATOR**

This work shall consist of furnishing and operating equipment when needed by the MaineDOT.

The Department and each responsive, responsible bidder who meets the requirements and specifications may enter into a Contract to provide equipment with experienced operators to perform construction and maintenance work on an as needed basis. The Contractor with the lowest rate for the equipment in the equipment category with the appropriate attachments and capabilities will have first option to furnish the equipment.

Equipment. The equipment specifications and terms are as follows:

- Valid inspection sticker good thru the term of rental
- Provide daily fuel, oil and grease
- Provide registration
- Provide insurance

Forestry Mulchers (Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

- Remove trees and brush to a height of six inches above the ground.
- Chips shall not be larger than 3 inches.
- Shall be able to mulch up to 6-inch trees.
- Mulchers shall have a horizontal shaft.
- Machine working hydraulic horsepower shall be 1.5 times greater than mulcher head requires.
- Machines shall be either rubber tracked, rubber tired or steel street pads.
- Brush hog type of mowers will not be accepted.

Sub-Soiling Mulchers (Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

- Must be capable of removing trees, shrubs and roots 3 or more inches below the ground surface.
- Chips shall not be larger than 3 inches.
- Shall be able to mulch up to 6 inch trees.
- Mulchers shall have a horizontal shaft.
- Machine working hydraulic horsepower shall be 1.5 times greater than mulcher head requires.
- Machines shall be either rubber tracked, rubber tired or steel street pads.
- Brush hog type of mowers will not be accepted.

Schedule. The Contactor shall provide and operate the equipment intermittently, as needed by the MaineDOT. The MaineDOT will usually notify the Contractor at least 24 hours prior to scheduled contract work, however circumstances may require a more immediate response.

Performance. The MaineDOT reserves the right, to inspect the equipment and reject because of condition, and the Contractor shall have the option to replace the equipment with another acceptable, equivalent unit or the MaineDOT may assign the Work to another Contractor. Condition deficiencies may include, but are not limited to, equipment with excessive wear, broken parts, low hydraulic pressure, below standard operation, equipment that is not OSHA compliant or equipment with leaks that can get to the pavement, ground or into water bodies.

In the case of repetitive breakdowns during operation, delayed maintenance that affects performance, or if a piece of equipment is unable to run, is unsafe to operate or should not be run as determined by the MaineDOT, the Contractor shall repair the equipment promptly, replace the equipment with another acceptable, equivalent unit, or the MaineDOT may assign the Work to another Contractor. In the event of a major breakdown, the MaineDOT and the Contractor may agree to mutually agreeable repair schedule.

Operators shall be experienced with the work being performed and have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Work properly. Operators determined by the MaineDOT to be below normal acceptable standards of production or workmanship shall be replaced with another acceptable operator or the MaineDOT may assign the Work to another Contractor. Operators shall have sufficient general knowledge of the related laws, regulations, specifications and practices to make informed decisions regarding compliance. Contractors may be required to demonstrate to the Department's satisfaction that the operator meets the requirements set forth in this contract and is qualified to perform the work.

If, a Contractor furnishes unsatisfactory equipment or operators, the MaineDOT may issue a written warning. If the Contractor subsequently furnishes unsatisfactory equipment or operators, the MaineDOT reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination.

Measurement and Payment. The MaineDOT will measure and pay for equipment rental at the units and rates determined in Appendix A of the "Private Equipment Rental Agreement". Hourly measurements will be made to the nearest ½ hour.

Time spent moving to and from the site will not be paid. The Contractor may be paid for time spent moving within a project. A project is defined as continuous work in the same location or several different locations within a single region without interruption.

Prior to assigning work, the Department and the Contractor shall mutually agree to the assignment location(s), dates, time, duration, and criteria establishing payment hours.

Hourly work will be measured for payment in accordance with the criteria for payment hours established at the time the Contractor accepted the assignment and the contract.

This criteria for the hour at which payment begins could include:

- the scheduled show up time,
- the time the Contractor was on site and ready to work,
- the time physical work under this contract commenced,
- or other such time determined by the Department.

This criteria for the hour at which payment ends could include:

- the scheduled time,
- the time when work under this contract was done for the day,
- or other such time determined by the Department.

Hours to be measured for payment will be determined by the Department.

At the Departments discretion, the Contractor may be paid for hours spent in requested standby, for hours not worked during a scheduled day due to delays and schedule changes caused by the Department, and other circumstances for which the Contractor may be due compensation.

If scheduled equipment rental contract work is cancelled by the Department but not cancelled prior to 5:00 pm on the preceding day, the MaineDOT may pay the Contractor for 2 hours for the day on which scheduled work was canceled.

Equipment down time resulting from equipment failure will not be measurable for payment and not be included in payments for the day's work. The number of work hours will be reduced to exclude the down time. The minimum reduction shall be one-half hour.

The MaineDOT will pay an emergency callout at the hourly rate of three (3) times the bid hourly rate. This includes weekends, holidays, weekdays not under hire by the Department, and after hour emergency callouts. Equipment rental during an emergency will be measured for payment beginning no earlier than the time directed by the Department to send equipment to emergency site and end when the equipment is done as directed by the Department.

MaineDOT will determine if a callout is an emergency prior to assigning the work. An emergency is defined as an immediate need to protect the health and safety of the traveling public. An emergency may be caused by but not limited to an accident, natural disaster or unexpected incident.

The accepted quantities of equipment hours will be paid for at the contract unit price per hour, with no additional payment for overtime.

Bidding. As a minimum, the Bidder shall submit a bid Package consisting of the following:

- 1) A completed Appendix A and/or a separate attachment listing equipment description, capacity, rates

- 2) Two (2) copies of the completed and signed Private Equipment Rental Agreement – with an Operator form
- 3) Any Certifications or Bid Requirements listed in the Bid Book.

Award and Contracting. After Bid Opening and as a condition for Award of a Contract, the MaineDOT may require an Apparent Successful Bidder to demonstrate to the MaineDOT's satisfaction that the Bidder is responsible and qualified to perform the Work and that the equipment is acceptable to the MaineDOT.

The properly completed and signed Private Equipment Rental Agreement – with an Operator form provided with the Bid constitutes the Bidder's offer. Once the MaineDOT has received any other pre-award items required, the MaineDOT may sign the Private Equipment Rental Agreement – with an Operator form and execute the Contract.

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.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS TO STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS  
DIVISION 100

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 Holidays Amend this paragraph by adding “Juneteenth” between ‘Memorial Day’ and ‘Independence Day’.

101.2 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

102.6 Bid Guaranty Delete the entire section 102.6.

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

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



Contractors, the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form, the completed 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".

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.”

102.11.2 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

103.4 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.”

103.5.1 Performance and Payment Bonds Delete the entire section 103.5.1.

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

“The properly completed and signed Contract form provided with the Bid constitutes the Bidder’s offer. Once the Department has received 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 105 GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

105.2.2 Health and Safety Plan Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

“The Contractor has the authority and responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation including all applicable laws and regulations of OSHA. The Contactor shall comply with these laws and regulations and ensure compliance by its subcontractors.

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.”

105.3 Traffic Control and Management Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

“The Department will provide traffic control.”

105.8.1 Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

“The Department will provide soil erosion and water pollution control.”

105.10.2 Requirements Applicable to All Contracts Under section A, number 2, in the first sentence of the first paragraph, revise this Section by replacing the word “handicap” in two places with the word “disability” so it now reads:

“2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, State that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, sexual orientation, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, or mental disability.”

#### SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 107 TIME

107.3.1 General Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

“Work can be performed at any time except Sundays and Holidays, unless expressly specified otherwise in this Contract, including any applicable Permit conditions. If a Holiday occurs on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be considered a Holiday. Sunday or Holiday Work must be approved by the Department.”

Delete the entire section 107.4 (or the entire section 107) and replace with the following:

“107.4.1 General Duty of Contractor The Contractor is solely responsible for the planning and execution of Work in order to complete the Work within the Contract Time.”

107.3.1 General Amend this paragraph by adding “Juneteenth” between ‘Patriot’s Day’ and ‘the Friday after Thanksgiving’.

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 112  
DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

Default and Termination of Assignment The Contractor is in Default of the Assignment if the Contractor:

- A. Fails to adhere to obligations of the Assignment and/or the Contract
- B. Fails to answer or reply to the Department within ½ (one-half) hour of notification of emergency work.
- C. Fails to commence work or be onsite within 4 (four) hours of accepting notification of emergency work.
- D. Fails to respond within 1 (one) business day of an assignment offer for non-emergency scheduled work.
- E. Fails to commence an assignment for scheduled work within 5 (five) business days of the request, unless an alternative schedule is agreed upon in writing by the Department representative and the Contractor.
- F. Fails to provide sufficient labor, Equipment, or Materials to assure the timely Completion of the Assignment.
- G. After work on assignment has commenced, fails to continuously work on assignment without Department approval.
- H. Performs Defective Work neglects or refuses to repair or correct Unacceptable Work when directed by the Department.
- I. Continues to perform Work after the Department directs that Work be stopped.
- J. Fails to perform Work when specified in the Contract.
- K. Performs Defective Work, neglects or refuses to repair or correct Unacceptable Work when directed by the Department;
- L. In any other manner, fails to perform the Work in Substantial Conformity with any material provision of the Contract.
- M. Discontinues the prosecution of the Work without Departmental approval,
- N. Fails to resume Work which has been suspended as required by the Contract

If Default of an Assignment occurs, the Department may give written Notice of Default and Termination of Assignment to the Contractor. Failure to give Notice of Default is in no way a waiver by the Department of any provision of the Contract. In this event, the Department may award the Assignment to another Contractor 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 Assignment in an acceptable and timely manner.

Upon receiving a Default and Termination of Assignment, the Department may, in addition, consider this notification as a Default and Termination of Contract incident.

If Default of an Assignment occurs, and the Department does not give Notice of Default and Termination of Assignment, the Department may issue a written warning and the Contractor shall complete the Assignment. Upon receiving a written warning, the Department may, in addition consider this warning as a Default and Termination of Contract incident.

Default and Termination of Contract The Contractor is in Default of the Contract if the Contractor:

- A. Is in Default of an Assignment and the Department considers the default a Default and Termination of Contract incident.
- B. Becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency that could affect the Work in any way.
- C. Discontinues the Work without the Department approval.
- D. In any other manner, fails to perform the Work in Substantial Conformity with any material provision of the Contract.

Failure by the Contractor to perform the Work when required or to substantially meet other contractual requirements will result in the following actions:

1<sup>st</sup> Incident: If the Contractor does not take corrective action for a non-emergency Assignment within 2 (two) days upon receipt of verbal warning, for an emergency Assignment within 3 (three) hours after notification the Department will issue a written warning.

2<sup>nd</sup> Incident: The Department will issue a written warning.

3<sup>rd</sup> Incident: The Department may (A) give written Notice of Default to the Contractor and immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination, or (B) take prosecution of the Work away from the Contractor without violating the Contract (C) for if an emergency will count as 1<sup>st</sup> incident and no time to cure.

Default of Contract will result in the following actions:

1<sup>st</sup> Incident: If the Contractor does not take corrective action for a non-emergency Assignment within 2 (two) days upon receipt of verbal warning, or for an emergency Assignment within 2 (two) hours after notification, the Department will issue a written warning.

2<sup>nd</sup> Incident: The Department will issue a written warning.

3<sup>rd</sup> Incident: The Department may (A) give written Notice of Default to the Contractor and immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination, or (B) take prosecution of the Work away from the Contractor without violating the Contract.

If Default of the Contract occurs, the Department may give written Notice of Default and Termination to the Contractor. Failure to give Notice of Default is in no way a waiver by the Department of any provision of the Contract. In this event, 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. Termination of the Contract or portion thereof shall not relieve the Contractor of its Contractual responsibilities for the Work completed (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 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.