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Subject: **Dixmont, Newport & Plymouth**
Federal Project No: STP-1279(000)X &
STP-1799(200)X
State PINs: 012790.00 & 017992.00
Amendment No. 3

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: There is roughly a qty of 160cy of structural rock in the full construction area. Does the Dept. expect that the contractor will encounter rock throughout the rest of the underdrains and Catch Basins to justify the rest of the 940 cy quantity of structural rock?

Response: Estimation of structural rock or rock excavation is difficult without excessive borings. The Quantities of structural rock for this contract are based on the borings provided in the bid package.

Question: If in fact blasting is to take place in the rest of the underdrain and Catch basin areas will the Dept. pay for the pavement and gravel quantities disturbed by blasting operations?

Response: Pavement and gravel in the travelway, disturbed by blasting operations are the responsibility of the contractor.

Question: Can the Mid-Maine underground cable in the full construction area be relocated prior to ledge blasting?

Response: The successful bidder will have to coordinate or negotiate with Mid-Maine Communications.

Question: Will the Mid-Maine line be going aerial?

Response: No



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Question: Why is Mid-Maine relocating cable in the in-slope rehab areas (fill slopes)?

Response: Mid-Maine Communications will not be relocating their cable located in the slope fill areas. They may have to relocate cable in the inslope excavation areas. They will definitely have to relocate their cable in the full construction area.

Question: Are there any available cross sections for the in-slope rehab. areas?

Response: No

Question: It appears the quantity for common excavation is wrong. The bid quantity is 810 and the notes indicate 1614. Can this be clarified to reflect the correct quantity?

Response: The quantity of common excavation in the construction notes does not indicate the deduct for the rock excavation from 38+00 to 42+00. The quantity in the schedule of items is the quantity that will be bid on.

Question: Can the Dept. supply design criteria (elevations) for the Catch Basins (inverts and rims)?

Response: Invert and grate elevations for catch basins can be calculated in the field using existing center line elevations, proposed pavement depths and Typical sections for underdrain.

Question: Do the computations for Agg. Subbase and Common Excavation include the quantities above Subgrade in the underdrains & Catch Basins outside the full construction area?

Response: Excavation and gravel, above subgrade outside of the full construction area, for the underdrain shall be incidental to the underdrain and catch basin items.

Question: There are conflicting widths of shoulder re-hab through some of the full construction areas. Is it the intent of the Dept. to pay for all shoulder re-hab quantity performed?

Response: Payment for the Shoulder Rehab item will be paid, Plan Quantity, as per standard specification.

Question: Does the MDOT intend to use the 403.211 item to reestablish the mainline grade to 3% as shown on the typicals and then rehab the existing shoulder to match the new shim? If not, how does the MDOT intend to shim the project?

Response: Yes, as determined in the field by the Resident.

Question: Will MDOT accept crushed concrete in lieu of the aggregate material specified in the 204 specification for Shoulder Rehabilitation?

Response: For bidding purposes, all bidders shall bid the specified aggregate material in the 204 specification for Shoulder Rehabilitation.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on May 18, 2011.

Sincerely,



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