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Subject: **Auburn**
Federal Project No: STP-1663(740)X
State Pin No: 016637.40
Amendment No. 3

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Amendment #1 states that any excavation remaining after filling is complete will be stockpiled for use as fill around the new house location. Where will the stockpile for approximately 40,000 cy, plus incidental excavation from other pay items, be located?

Response: We estimate that an amount not likely to exceed 2000 cubic yards will need to be stockpiled for the purpose of backfilling around the new house foundation. Our intent is only that enough suitable fill be saved for that purpose and that that it be stockpiled near the sight if practical or placed in its final location should the timing be right. All excavation material in excess of what is needed to fill around the foundation or for roadway purposes will remain the property of the contractor for their own use.

Question: Referencing Amendment #1, has the global stability for the weight of the stockpile and its location been investigated?

Response: No

Question: Referencing Amendment #1, are there any property or easement issues associated with access to the location for a stockpile of this size?

Response: No, Should it be necessary to stockpile, it should be no more than 2000 CY's.

Question: Referencing Amendment #1, could the bidders be provided with the intended location of the house to help further understand this requirement?

Response: The house will be moved approximately 150' and remain on the same parcel.



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Question: Referencing Amendment #1, will separate stockpiles be required for topsoil, sand and clay materials?

Response: No

Question: Referencing Amendment #1, what will the Contractors responsibility be, and when will it end, in regards to erosion control for the stockpile and the area that this fill is eventually placed on?

Response: The contractor will be responsible for erosion control of the stockpile which is not expected to exceed 2000 CY. Erosion control necessary for the area that the fill, (house site), will be placed will be paid for separately or “done by others”.

Question: Should the pavement densities be determined to be unacceptable, the Department will pay for the HMA and the Contractor is responsible for its removal. Who is responsible for replacing the pavement?

Response: MaineDOT will pay for the replacement of the base course at contract unit prices.

Question: Section 401 states that if the Department determines that local conditions make adequate densification detrimental to the finished pavement, compaction efforts may be reduced. Since the densities will likely fail if that becomes necessary, what is the Contractors responsibility with regard to removal?

Response: See Special Provisions section 401.10, paragraph d.

Question: Special Provision Section 656 states that a preconstruction field review is mandatory for this project and shall take place before commencing any work that involve soil disturbance. It further lists who will be required to attend the meeting. Special Provision Section 107 states that the Contractor will be allowed to commence work the week of October 25th. Has the Department made an effort to notify the required government attendees that this meeting will need to happen on or before October 25th?

Response: Yes

Question: Could the Department provide control point locations and identification for the project?

Response: Once the intent to award letter is issued, all survey control information that is available will be provided.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on October 21, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford" followed by a stylized flourish or set of initials.

Scott Bickford
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