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February 2, 2026
Subject: Bridge Construction
WIN: 016714.02
Location: **Machias**
Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Plan sheet 12 framing plan indicates Type G diaphragms "Typical 20 Locations". We only see 16ea locations on the framing plan. Please clarify or correct this apparent discrepancy.

Response: The bridge will require 16 Type G diaphragms.

Question: Special provision Section 504 indicates the girders are approximately 61' long. The actual length appears to be close to 65'. **Is the expectation for the contractor to cut the girders to 61' long; or would the span length be increased accordingly if they are consistently longer?**

Response: The beams are greater than 61' and will need to be cut to 61'. The contractor will coordinate with the Resident on the cut locations.

Question: Plan Sheet 10 notes for neoprene pad are unclear. Abutment Section indicates 8" x full length but also indicates ½" x 12". The Bearing Partial Elevations indicates 8"x full length. This appears to be specifying two different dimension pads. **Please clarify what is intended.**

Response: The dimension of the ½" thick neoprene pads are 8"x full length.

Question: Amendment #1 indicates the concrete barrier are to have thru sleeves vertically through the centerline of them. These are not available. **The Department should reconsider this attachment and/or add 2' of deck width and use braced barrier with non-galvanized tubes for bracing.**

Response: The contract shall be bid as the plans show. The contractor may submit an alternative after the contract award. This will be done by contract modification at no increase to the project cost.

Question: The extension to June 1 for paving does not solve the fatal flaw critical constraints relative to properly preparing for and executing the 30-day shutdown. **The schedule should be reconsidered to completion in the Fall.**

Response: The project will remain as advertised.

Question: The required wet curing period of concrete is prohibitive to accomplishing this work in the 30-day shutdown. **The schedule should be reconsidered to completion in the Fall, as well as extend the 30-day shutdown to accommodate the Departments specifications.**

Response: The project will remain as advertised.

Question: The submittal development and review process is prohibitive to accomplishing this project in the allotted schedule. **The schedule should be reconsidered to completion in the Fall.**

Response: The project will remain as advertised.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **February 4, 2026.**

Sincerely,



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