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November 15, 2018  
Subject: Gut Bridge Navigation  
Channel Ledge & Fill Removal  
State WIN: 016750.20  
Location: **Bristol**  
**Amendment No. 1**

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following question has been received:

**Question:** The requirement that the contractor be obliged to remove equipment to permit the bridge to close within 20 minutes of an automobile arriving is completely unreasonable. Will you please consider that specific times be stated to allow access across the bridge, and that those specific times occur no closer than 2 hours apart? This information would be posted both sides of the bridge, two weeks prior to work commencing. Emergency access to remain the same as stated in the bid proposal. We think it will take at least 40 minutes to move the barge out from under the bridge (upon notice to do so), and more than that to get back into position.

Expanding on my suggestion for two-hour intervals, the signs posted should read:

“For bridge closings, please call (phone number of project foreman) at least 40 minutes prior to requiring a closure to occur at 10pm, midnight, 2 am, 4am, and 6am.”

**Response:** A majority of the work to remove material from the channel bottom occurs outside of the footprint of the bridge span. It is anticipated that the Contractor would coordinate their work such that the work occurring under the bridge span would take place during the times of lowest traffic and that the location of equipment would be such that it could be moved quickly to allow for passage of emergency vehicles.

**Question:** Will you allow the resident to use the bridge tender’s office, thus eliminating the cost of the field office B? Plus, there is no better view of the site.

**Response:** No, the Contractor shall supply a Field Office Type B as required in the Contract. The Operator’s House is filled with bridge operating equipment on the bottom floor, and the second floor is currently occupied by the Bridge Tender and the Control Panel and other equipment for bridge operation. There is very little room available for a Resident Engineer and all of their equipment required for the office. The Operator’s House is also not equipped for internet, and is not ADA accessible as required in Standard Specification Section 639.



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Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **November 21, 2018.**

Sincerely,



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