

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 16 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016

February 7, 2011 Subject: **Bethel**

Federal Project No: BH-1685(100)X

State Pin No: 016851.00 Amendment No. 3

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Should the paving be tested under method d due to the small quantities?

Response: Given that this project is on the National Highway System (NHS), agreements with FHWA dictate that the method of pavement testing be greater than method D.

Question: Could the density be waived on the approaches? I am not sure how minimum densities can be obtained on approaches that are only 30' - 50' long.

Response: The density requirements will not be waived. This project is on the National Highway System (NHS) system, and the total pavement depths reflect the substantial traffic loadings. The projected pavement life of the project depends heavily on the inplace density of the proposed pavement section.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on February 9, 2011.

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Sincerely,

Scott Bickford

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