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February 11, 2011
Subject: **Oakfield, Smyrna, T8-R5
& T9-R5**
Federal Project No's: STP-1731(500)X &
STP-1800(900)X
State PIN's: 017315.00 & 018009.00
Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: The snow conditions at the present time do not allow for an estimate on the conditions of the drop off of the existing shoulders. Note #4 of the General Notes involves documented conditions to determine if back up of pavement is required and incidental to the paving, or to be paid as contract items. The bid quantities of Item 203.242 Dirty Borrow and Item 204.21 Add Shoulder Aggregate include enough quantity to back-up all of the pavement on both projects. The Seed and Mulch quantities (224 units) also represent enough quantity to seed and mulch the length of both projects. These items seem to represent that the MDOT is disregarding Note 4 of the General Notes and is paying to back up and seed the length of both projects. Is that the intent? If not, why the inflated quantities? Please clarify.

Response: Field review of these projects was completed in early winter and snow was present. While it was difficult to accurately measure and quantify all areas where there is an existing drop off of 1 ¼" present now, it was noted most of PIN 18009.00 T8-R5 project does have an existing drop off and estimate for this Project is for pre-existing condition. It is not intended to say all of the project has an existing drop off of 1 ¼" and field review prior to paving will be necessary.

During Field review of PIN 17315.00 Oakfield it was noted most of this project has no existing drop off and as the surface course is 1 ¼" the contractor should plan to back up this edge after paving operation is complete. Field review prior to paving will be necessary.

Question: How and where is item 304.103 Agg. Subbase – Gravel (Truck Measure) 300 cubic yards to be used?



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Response: Item 304.103 is intended for use in existing driveways to match to HMA edge. Existing gravel driveways PIN 17315.00 = 16ea, PIN 18009.00 = 28 ea.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on February 16, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford".

Scott Bickford

Contracts & Specifications Engineer

For