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October 8, 2019
Subject: Ohio Street Bridge Replacement
State WIN: 018722.00
Location: **Bangor**
Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Please make the following changes to the Bid Documents:

In the Bid Book:

CHANGE on page 14, NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS, the bid opening date from “October 9, 2019”, to read “**October 16, 2019**”. Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

Question: I respectfully request a bid extension to October 16, 2019 to enable us to submit a responsive and competitive bid for the Ohio Street Bridge project.

Response: See above changes.

Question: This time of year, existing DOT projects are pushing hard for completion and with this project being a shutdown job with a tight schedule, a lot of planning is required. Can the bid date be pushed 1 week to allow for better planning and coordination?

Response: See above changes.

Question: In reference to the structural steel framing for cross frames and utility supports, will a hot dip galvanized finish be acceptable for these items of work? Girders to be metalized.

Response: The steel framing for cross frames and utility supports may be hot dip galvanized in accordance with the Standard Specifications in lieu of being metalized.

Question: Please clarify accepted working hours.

Response: Refer to Standard Specification Section 107.3, Allowable Work Times, and SPECIAL PROVISION – SECTION 107 -TIME - (Supplemental Liquidated Damages) on page 60 of the Bid Book for information regarding time restrictions for Maintenance of Traffic that could impact work hours.

Question: We are having difficulty sourcing the stainless-steel couplers required in the precast pier caps and columns on this project. The couplers need to be the grouted variety in order to fit the pieces together onsite and none of the suppliers we have contacted make these types of couplers in a stainless finish. Can you advise as to whether we can provide the couplers in a different finish instead of stainless?

Response: The Contractor may provide splice sleeve couplers in a different corrosion resistant finish. Epoxy coated will be acceptable or other corrosion resistant finishes will be considered.

Question: Grouted splice sleeve couplers are not available as stainless steel. Galvanized or epoxy coated are available. Please advise.

Response: See previous response.

Question: Note #4 under Pier Notes on p. 40 says "the reinforcing steel and couplers in the cap and columns shall be stainless steel." We have been unable to find a supplier of the stainless couplers, and are being told that they do not exist. Can galv. or epoxy coated be used?

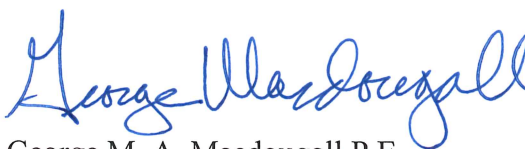
Response: See previous response.

Question: Regarding bid item 830.14 and 830.15 Water Main and Hanger Bridge Install. Our pipe suppliers are telling us that the specified company Griffin Pipe Products has gone out of business and their products are no longer available. Our suppliers cannot find any products that would meet the specifications for the pipe and hanger system on the bridge. Would a TR flex system be allowable?

Response: The TR Flex system is permissible; however, the Contractor will be responsible for coordinating any changes required to the hanger system and utility supports per the Manufacturer's recommendations. Any changes from the contract plans will need to be reviewed and approved by the Engineer.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **October 16, 2019**.

Sincerely,



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