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January 9, 2018
Subject: Capell Bridge Replacement
State WIN: 020814.00
Location: Wells
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Please make the following change to the Bid Documents:

In the Bid Book:

REMOVE pages 50 thru 51, "SPECIAL PROVISION - SECTION 105 - GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK - ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS", dated 12/8/17 and **REPLACE** with attached revised "SPECIAL PROVISION - SECTION 105 - GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK - ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS", 2 pages, dated 1/8/18.

The following question has been received:

Question: Per Special Provision Section 105. In-Water work is allowed from March 1 - May 30. This section also says no in-water work between May 30 and April 30. This appears to contradict the March 1 start date allowed. Please clarify.

Response: In-Water work shall not be allowed between the dates of May 31 and February 28 per the attached revised special provision 105 - General Scope of Work, Environmental Requirements.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **January 10, 2018**.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 105
General Scope of Work
(Environmental Requirements)

In-Water work consists of any activity conducted below the normal high water mark of a river, stream, brook, lake, pond or “Coastal Wetland” areas that are subject to tidal action during the highest tide level for the year which an activity is proposed as identified in the tide tables published by the National Ocean Service.

<http://www.oceanservice.noaa.gov/> For the full definition of “Coastal Wetlands”, please refer to 38 MRSA 480-B(2)

I. In-Water Work shall not be allowed between the dates of May 31 and February 28.
(In-Water work is allowed from March 1 to May 30)

II. In-Water work window applies to the following water bodies:

1. Merriland River at proposed bridge replacement

III. Special Conditions:

1. Special Conditions of Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Category II permit apply (see permit and conditions in contract documents).
2. **The project contains Japanese knotweed at the southwest and northeast corners of the bridge. Japanese knotweed is known to reproduce from a considerable seed bank in the soil as well as from vegetative (roots and shoots) material. To minimize the spread of this invasive species, the contractor shall comply with the following:**
 - a. **All off-road equipment and vehicles (operating from existing open and maintained roads) shall be cleaned prior to entering and leaving the site to remove all soil, seeds, vegetation, or other debris that could contain seeds or plant material.**
 - b. **Equipment shall be free of visible plant material upon entering and leaving the project. All equipment shall be inspected prior to off-loading. Any plant material encountered during this inspection shall be removed and disposed of by the contractor.**
 - c. **Soil disturbance and excavation in the southwest and northeast quadrants of the project shall be minimized.**
 - d. **Japanese knotweed plant and root material and soil containing plant and root material that is disturbed shall be contained and/or buried on site and covered with a root barrier material. If this is not possible, it shall be bagged and transported to be disposed of (at a landfill or burned) in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.**

IV. Approvals:

1. Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan
2. Permitted Resource Impacts (square feet), see ACOE permit for locations:

Stream:

Permanent: RUS-630

Temporary: RUS-2200

Restored area: RUS-1000

V. All activities are prohibited (including placement and removal of cofferdams unless otherwise permitted by Regulatory Agencies) below the normal high water mark if outside the prescribed in-water work window, except for the following:

1. Work within a cofferdam constructed according to MaineDOT's Standard Specifications and in adherence with the contractors approved "Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan".

VI. No work is allowed that completely blocks a river, stream, or brook without providing downstream flow.

NOTE: Regulatory Review and Approval is required to modify the existing In-Water work window. Requests for work window extensions must be submitted to the MaineDOT Environmental Office. Approval of requests for work window extensions is not guaranteed and may result in delays in construction schedule that are the sole responsibility of the contractor.