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June 22, 2018
Subject: Eastern Maine Railway &
Northern Maine Railway Corridor
Improvements
State WIN: 021854.30
Location: **Madawaska, Brownville,
Mattawamkeag & Vanceboro
Amendment No. 1**

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following question has been received:

Question: In reference to Specification Section 648.3 (d) which requires ballast delivery by truck with loading at the 4 listed New Brunswick and Maine Railroad locations; can the contractor bid this contract to load directly to railroad ballast cars at different locations, and deliver the ballast to the 4 listed locations by rail instead of by truck, provided delivery of the required weekly quantity can be coordinated with New Brunswick and Maine Railways and other rail line operators?

Response: Yes, the Contractor may supply the ballast by rail and load the ballast cars off system. The Contractor is responsible for all railroad coordination and associated costs with the transportation of the ballast to one of the locations provided in the contract for Area 1 or Area 2 on the Eastern Maine Railway. Note the New Brunswick and Maine Railways, parent company of the Eastern Maine Railway and Maine Northern Railway have a limited number of ballast rail cars that can leave their system.

Question: Will crushed oversize pit rock be acceptable if it passes gradation, hardness and all other tests required for railroad ballast?

Response: Yes, crushed oversize pit rock may be supplied provided the material meets SPECIAL PROVISION - SECTION 648 - BALLAST.

Question: What guidelines would need to be met to determine that a company has performed a job of similar size and scope? To my knowledge there hasn't been a similar project in this area recently.

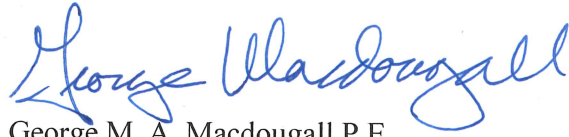


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Response: Prior to awarding a Contract, the Department may check references, interview the Contractor, examine the source material and quantity, and verify past performance.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **June 27, 2018**.

Sincerely,



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