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January 28, 2019
Subject: Railway Corridor Brush Cutting
State WIN: 021854.30C
Location: **Mattawamkeag to Van Buren**
Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Please make the following changes to the Bid Documents:

In the Bid Book:

On page 53, **DELETE** the first sentence, which begins "Vegetation clearing activities are anticipated…" Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

Question: On page 53 – "Vegetation clearing activities are anticipated to begin in January, 2018 and continue through August, 2019." This should be changed to current proposed dates. This was a 20-month proposed period. Why is this now a 10-month proposed period for completion (page 60, completion date December 1, 2019)?

Response: The December 1, 2019 is the correct completion date. The schedule assumptions on page 53 of the bid book are incorrect as the project advertising date was much later than initially planned.

Question: On page 42, #3 – What safety barriers will be in place so that the contractor will know the approximate time the train will be going through, so they can be safely off the tracks to allow the train to pass? Is the train on a schedule so it would be the same time every day?

Response: The Contractor will need to be trained on Roadway Worker Regulations 214. Every morning prior to going to work there will be a Job briefing with a discussion on how the Contractor will be protected based on the type of track they will be working on for the day. Expected rail traffic will be mentioned in the daily briefing, and someone from the railroad will be assigned to protect the Contractor while on the property. The Contractor will be required to maintain contact with the employee in charge of the protection continuously while in the foul of the track. The Contractor will clear for any necessary traffic and traffic will have first priority on the railway. Trains on Eastern Maine Railway are NOT scheduled trains.

Question: On page 62 – 201.13.5 Basis of Payment. Can weekly bills be submitted based on actual track miles completed? Bi-weekly? Monthly?

Response: Contractor payment can occur Bi-weekly.

Question: Are scheduled partial payments made for miles completed under this contract?

Response: Yes, payment can be made as frequently as biweekly as progress is made.

Question: May work commence before all snow has disappeared?

Response: Yes, work can begin with snow on the ground. In the event adequate cutting is not achieved, the Contractor shall re-cut areas at no charge to the Department.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **January 30, 2019**.

Sincerely,

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