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October 23, 2025
Subject: School Zone Signage
WIN: 028442.00
Location: **Statewide**
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

Question: In this bid request, are the terms Manufacturer and Contractor intended to be used interchangeably?

Response: The bidding contractor is responsible for all requirements being met, regardless of how the units are sourced.

Question: The bid includes several references to installation; however, it appears the scope may be limited to equipment only. Can you clarify: is this bid for equipment exclusively?

- a. Our understanding is that, once awarded, the manufacturer would provide one beacon unit with a speed feedback sign for a 30-day testing period conducted by the DOT.
- b. The manufacturer would provide the necessary guidance for DOT testing, and may be requested to be on-site for testing at the DOT's discretion.

Response: This bid is for the procurement of School Zone signs and does not include installation.

- a. Refer to Appendix A Pg 35 of the bid book - "The apparent low bidder shall send one (1) School Zone Sign to MaineDOT for 30 days of testing, at no cost to the department. In the case that the demo Sign does not meet Department specifications, the next low bidder will be notified and shall provide one (1) School Zone Sign for testing. The award will be to the lowest Bidder that meets the specification. No payment will be made to Bidders that are not selected.

Any Bidder that has submitted a particular sign model that has failed testing for previous contracts is not eligible to submit that particular model sign for this contract unless accompanied by documentation that indicates the previous issues have been rectified and the signs meet or exceed current specifications specified herein. MaineDOT reserves the right to lessen the 30-day testing period if it finds that the sign does not meet specifications.

The Contract will be awarded to the apparent low bidder that meets or exceeds the specifications and successfully completes testing by the Department."

- b. The department may request testing support identified in Section 5 (Testing) of Appendix A. Additional bidder support is outlined in Section 6 (Support) of Appendix A.

Question: Could you clarify the section regarding paint requirements?

- a. Our equipment is primarily constructed of aluminum, which is not subject to rust. Certain components, such as aluminum equipment cabinets, are finished with a powder coating.

Response: Aluminum components finished with a powder coating are acceptable

Question: The specifications do not list an equipment box. To ensure sufficient power, we recommend supplying an equipment box with an additional lead-acid battery, beyond the battery included in the Radarsign unit itself. Should we assume the DOT will provide an aluminum cabinet, or should this be listed as an optional/recommended component in our bid?

Response: If the assembly requires an equipment box, that will need to be provided. Refer to Appendix A Pg 39 of the bid book: 643.19 Basis of Payment - "The School Zone Signage will be paid for by Each Pair, which payment will be full compensation for furnishing all materials including, but not limited to the static school zone signs, 4 12 inch circular yellow LED, 2 dynamic speed feedback signs, pole risers, wiring, two 4 inch I.D Steel Pole, 20 foot in length, 2 solar panels,, batteries, 2 padlocks with 4 number tumbler resettable locks and all appurtenances and incidentals required for a complete and functioning sign package. Payment will include supply and delivery as shown above."

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **November 5, 2025.**

Sincerely,



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