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October 2, 2025
Subject: Flashing LED Wrong Way
Signs
State WIN: 029358.00A
Location: **Statewide**
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

Question: We are the manufacture of the requested products for this bid and have a question on the DBE requirements. Can you please confirm the DBE requirements for this project? As the manufacture we intend to bid direct. Do the DBE requirements apply to only contractors, or do they also apply to the manufacture as well?

Response: The DBE reporting requirements apply to manufacturing as well. See Bid Book Page 15, Paragraph 1:

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Please also see the MaineDOT DBE Project Attainment Target (PAT) on page 44 for this project’s goal:

“MaineDOT DBE Project Attainment Target (PAT) for this Project is 0 %”

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **October 15, 2025**.

Sincerely,

George M. A. Macdougall P.E.
Contracts & Specifications Engineer

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for this Project is 0 %

The MaineDOT seeks to meet the specified annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) usage goal set out by 49 CFR 26.45 through the efforts of contractors seeking to employ qualified DBE subcontractors. We seek to meet this goal by race neutral means and do not, at this time, use contract specific requirements for each project. We do however, understand the capacity of Maine's DBE community and the unique characteristics a project may have that would differ from the broad annual goal.

Taking this into consideration, the MaineDOT will review each project and develop an anticipated attainment or Project Attainment Target (PAT) based on several factors that are project specific. Those factors include:

- Scope of Work
- DBE availability according to Specification Item
- Geographic location
- DBE capacity

This PAT is developed to assist contractors to better understand the DBE participation that the MaineDOT can reasonably expect for a specific project. The PAT is NOT a mandate but an assessment of the DBE opportunities that this project could meet or exceed. MaineDOT anticipates that each contractor will make the best effort to reach or exceed the PAT for this project.

DBE GOAL NOTICE FFY 2025-2027
Maine Department of Transportation
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

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For FFY 2025-27 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027) MaineDOT has established an annual DBE participation goal of **1.43%** to be achieved through race/gender neutral means. This goal has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration and remains in effect through September 30, 2027. MaineDOT must meet this goal each federal fiscal year. If the goal is not met, MaineDOT must provide a justification for not meeting the goal and provide a plan to ensure the goal is met, which may include contract goals on certain projects that contractors will be required to meet.

MaineDOT asks all contractors, consultants and subcontractors to seek certified DBE firms for projects and to work to meet the determined 1.43% goal without the need to impose contract goals. DBE firms are listed on the MaineDOT website at:

<https://www.maine.gov/mdot/civilrights/dbe/>

Interested parties may view MaineDOT's DBE goal setting methodology, also posted on this website. If you have questions regarding this goal or the DBE program you may contact Mary Bryant at the Maine Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office by telephone at (207) 624-3056 or by e-mail at: mary.bryant@maine.gov