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April 3, 2026
Subject: Loader Rental
WIN: 030497.12, 030499.12
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Location: Augusta
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

Question: My first question concerns the equipment specifications in the 'Special Provisions' on page 31, which states: "Horsepower not less than 175hp and not more than 200 hp."

The model of loader that we are submitting has 225hp. Would this be acceptable if we marked it as an *Approved Equal Process*, provided we give the proper explanation for the exception and submit it on a separate page as explained in the instructions?

Response: If a Bidder cannot meet a technical specification, then the Bidder must give an explanation for each exception and for equipment that is not available or that will be dealer installed. The Department will determine if it is an acceptable alternative after bid opening.

Question: Lastly, I'd like some clarification on the 'vendor specification proposal'. Is this form that we create?

Response: Yes, this will be a form that you create. All explanations must be provided in detail on separate pages along with the justification as to why the alternative equipment or deliverables will be as good as the equipment or deliverables described in the detailed specifications for desired items. A copy of the vendor specification proposal must be provided. Following these instructions is essential for proper bid evaluation. If a Bidder fails to provide requested information or if information on a quote is found to be false or misleading, the quote will be rejected as unresponsive.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **April 08, 2026.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George M. A. Macdougall".

George M. A. Macdougall P.E.
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