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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016

March 8, 2012
Subject: **Flagging Services - Statewide**
State PIN: N/A
Amendment No. 1

David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

Dear Sir/Ms:

Make the following change to the Bid Document:

In the Bid Book (pages 35-36), **REMOVE** "SPECIAL PROVISION, SECTION 652, MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC, (Flaggers)", 2 pages dated January 28, 2009 and **REPLACE** with the attached new "SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 652, MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC, (Flaggers)". 2 pages dated March 6, 2012.

The following questions have been received:

Question: On current State MDOT bids 652.4 paragraph 4 has been changed to include Breaker Flaggers being paid from 2 hrs after start time to 2 hours prior to completion daily. Will this be included for the project? Also 652.8.2 other items now include 30% additional bid price for 652.38. Will this also be included?

Response: See the revised Special Provision, Section 652.

Question: Looking at the wage rates listed for flaggers it is 9.00 an hour, last year the rates were 14.50 an hour with a 5.80 fringe for a total of 20.30 an hour, can you tell me if the labor rate of 9.00 an hour is correct?

Response: There will be no bid amendment to change the wage determination by the Department of Labor included in the bid documents.

Question: Is it possible to get current pricing for all zones on the flagging services provided as of last year?

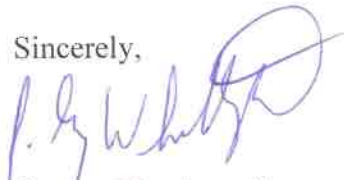
Response: Bid tabs are available at our webpage at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/index.shtml> or <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/archives/>.



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Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bid on March 14, 2012.

Sincerely,



for

George Macdougall
Acting Contracts & Specifications Engineer

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 652
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC
(Flaggers)

652.2 Materials STOP/SLOW paddles shall be the primary and preferred hand-signaling device. Flags shall be limited to emergencies. The paddle shall have an octagonal shape and be at least 450 mm [18 in] wide with letters at least 150 mm [6 in] high and should be fabricated from light semi-rigid material. The paddles shall be in good condition.

652.4 Flaggers The Contractor shall furnish flaggers as specified. All flaggers must have successfully completed a flagger test approved by the Department and administered by a Department-approved Flagger-Certifier who is employing that flagger. All flaggers must carry an official certification card with them while flagging that has been issued by their employer. Flaggers shall wear safety apparel meeting ANSI 107-2004 Class 2 risk exposure and clearly identify the wearer as a person, shall be visible at a minimum distance of 1000 ft. Flaggers shall also wear a hardhat with 360° retro-reflectivity. For nighttime conditions, Class 3 apparel, meeting ANSI 107-2004, shall be worn along with a hardhat with 360° retro-reflectivity. Retro-reflective or flashing SLOW/STOP paddles shall be used, and the flagger station shall be illuminated to assure visibility.

Flagger stations shall be located far enough in advance of the workspace so that approaching road users will have sufficient distance to stop at the intended stopping point. While flagging, the flagger should stand either on the shoulder adjacent to the traffic being controlled, or in the closed lane. Under no circumstances shall the flagger stand in the lane being used by moving traffic or have their back to oncoming traffic. The flagger should be clearly visible to approaching traffic at all times and should have a clear escape route.

Flaggers shall be provided as a minimum, a 10 minute break, every 2 hours and a 30 minute or longer lunch period away from the work station. Flaggers may only receive 1 unpaid break per day; all other breaks must be paid. Sufficient certified flaggers shall be available onsite to provide for continuous flagging operations during break periods. During the appropriate breaks, breaker flagger(s) shall be paid starting 2 hours after the work begins and ending 2 hours before the work ends. A maximum of 1 breaker per 6 flaggers will be paid. (1 breaker flagger for 2 to 6 flaggers, 2 breaker flaggers for 7 to 12 flaggers, etc)

One-way traffic shall be controlled through work areas by flaggers, utilizing radios, field telephones, or other means of direct communication.

One set of two two-way radios with adequate batteries to power them for a 10-hour day, and one extra set of back-up batteries will be furnished at each site. Radios will have a minimum of ½ mile range. Flaggers are expected to assist with the setup and

moving of signs at various times as necessary. It is imperative that requested flaggers report to the designated location at the specified time.

652.7 Method of Measurement The accepted quantity of flagger time will be the number of hours the designated station is occupied. The number of hours authorized for payment will be measured to the nearest ¼ hour. The accepted quantities of flagger hours will be paid for at the contract unit price per hour for each flagging station occupied excluding lunch breaks, and for each approved breaker flagger. Overtime hours, as reported on the certified payrolls, will be paid an additional 30% of the bid price.

652.8 Basis of Payment The accepted quantities of flagger hours will be paid for at the contract unit price per hour for each flagging station occupied, with no additional payment for overtime. The contract unit price shall be full compensation for hiring, transporting, equipping, supervising, and the payment of flaggers and all overhead and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Payment will be made by the hour.