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May 19, 2025
Subject: Woodland Fish Passage
System
WIN: PH20250514WFP
Location: **Baileyville**
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Please make the following changes to the Bid Book:

REMOVE, "Notice to Contractors" dated May 13, 2025 and **REPLACE** with the attached revised "Notice to Contractors" 1 page, dated May 16, 2025.

The following questions have been received:

Question: When does the Bidder submit their Prequal material?

Answer: Bidders are encouraged to submit their prequalification information before submitting their bids, however prequalification information submission can occur during or after bid submission. Bids will be received from all Bidders; however, the contract will only be awarded to Bidders passing the qualification requirements as stated in the Notice to Contractors. Apparent low bidders not prequalified at the time of bid opening can expect a two to three week delay in the award process while their application is processed and also run the risk of not meeting prequalification standards. For more information, please see [Prequalification - MaineDOT Contracts Section](#) or email Project Manager Sean Ledwin at Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov.

Please Note: Section H was removed and replaced in its entirety on the afternoon of May 14, 2025 shortly after the project advertised. Bidders that reviewed the bid package that afternoon should look to make sure they have the correct Section H information.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **April 23, 2025.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George Macdougall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" and last name "Macdougall" clearly legible.

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

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Maine Department of Marine Resources (Department) is soliciting Bids for fish passage improvements at the Woodland Pulp LLC dam and mill site in Baileyville, Maine. The bidding process is hosted and assisted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT or MDOT).

Sealed Bids addressed to the **Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333** and endorsed on the wrapper “**Bids for Woodland Fish Passage System in the Town of Baileyville, Maine**” will be received from contractors at the Reception Desk, Maine DOT Building, Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine, until 11:00 o’clock A.M. (prevailing time) on **June 25, 2025**. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. The lowest responsive bidder must have completed, or successfully complete, **Marine Construction prequalification category**, with project specific prequalification requirements indicated below to be considered for the award of this contract.

Description: Maine Project No. PH20250514WFP

Location: In Washington County, the Project is located at the Woodland Pulp LLC mill property in Baileyville, Maine.

Outline of Work: This Project partially removes and replaces an existing fish ladder and includes construction of a new fish lift with exit flume, attraction water supply system, downstream migrant bypass system, access bridge, and other incidental work.

Prequalification Requirements: Bidders must provide directly relevant previous project experience working on or within the operating footprint of hydroelectric facilities and constructing and commissioning of fish passage facilities or similar, complex flow control systems to meet Marine Construction prequalification requirements. Bidders must also identify their barge experience and anticipated engineering subcontractor for stability analysis if their work plan includes use of one or more crane barge(s). In addition to the MDOT Prequalification standard process, Bidders must submit project experience documentation described above completed within the last seven (7) years. Contractors who are already prequalified may separately e-mail the additional experience documentation to both contractor.prequal@maine.gov per the MDOT process and to the Project Manager at Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov. Project Experience beyond the last seven (7) years may be submitted but will be reviewed at the sole discretion of the Department.

For general information regarding Bidding and Contracting procedures, contact George Macdougall at (207) 624-3410. Our webpage at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/> contains a copy of the Price Component Schedule, Plan Holders List, written portions of bid amendments, drawings, bid results and an electronic form for RFI submittal. For Project-specific information, use electronic RFI form or email bid questions to RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov. The Project name and identification number should be in the subject line. Questions received after 12:00 noon of Thursday prior to bid date, or 4 business days prior to bid date if amended, will not be answered. Bidders shall not contact any other Departmental or MDOT staff for clarification of Contract

provisions, and the Department and MDOT will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained. TTY users call Maine Relay 711.

Bid Documents, specifications and bid forms can be viewed and obtained digitally at no cost at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/>. They may be purchased from the Department by check only made payable to Treasurer, State of Maine, and sent to the Department of Marine Resources at 21 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04330, Attn: Sean Ledwin. Full size plans **\$70.00** by mail. Half size plans **\$40.00** by mail. Specifications **\$30.00** if requested in addition to a plan set or **\$40.00** by mail. Bid Book and/or 8.5x11 Exhibits **\$10.00** if requested in addition to plans and/or specifications or **\$13.00** by mail. Payment must be made in advance, all non-refundable, and a print request specifying which document(s) and the shipment destination must be sent via e-mail to Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov and CHerrera@Verdantas.com.

Each Bid must be made upon blank forms provided by MDOT and must be accompanied by a bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or an official bank check, cashier's check, certified check, certificate of deposit, or United States postal money order in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, payable to Treasurer, State of Maine as a Bid guarantee. A Contract Performance Surety Bond and a Contract Payment Surety Bond, each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price, will be required of the successful Bidder.

ONLY PAPER BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. A courtesy electronic copy shall be transmitted by e-mail to Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov; multiple-part transmittals are acceptable to send large files.

This Contract is subject to all applicable Federal Laws and the laws of the State of Maine.

All work shall be governed by the Contract, *Division 100 General Conditions*, Plans, Specifications, and all documents incorporated by reference that comprise the Bid Documents (Exhibits A through H). The Bid Documents may be amended as necessary given RFIs or agency reviews.

A virtual Bidder's Conference/Informational Meeting will be held on May 27, 2025, from 9:00AM to 11:00AM Eastern Time via Microsoft Teams.

The purpose of the Bidder's Conference is to provide an opportunity to ask questions about the Project, including the Bid package and requirements. All questions will be responded to in writing and written responses will be posted on the MDOT website as indicated above. Any verbal response will be subject to review and only written responses should be considered when preparing the Bid. Although participation at the Bidders' Conference is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged that interested Bidders participate.

A mandatory site visit will be held on June 5, 2025, from 9:00AM to 12:00 noon Eastern Time. All Bidders planning to attend the site visit must submit their intention to attend listing all representative attendees and expected number of vehicles via email to Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov no later than 12:00 noon on May 29, 2025. Bidders who have not submitted their intention to attend prior to the date of the site visit will not be permitted on site.

Each Bidder is required to have and use the following safety equipment: hard hat, eye protection, high visibility shirt or vest, safety shoes with hard toes. Requirements such as parking location, other PPE, safety, access, etc. for the site visit will be provided at the time of the virtual Bidder's Conference.