

Updated 8/1/2026

FEDERAL PROJECT

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ALL PROJECTS:

1. Use pen and ink to complete all paper Bids.
2. As a minimum, the following must be received prior to the time of Bid opening:

For a Paper Bid:

- a) a copy of the Notice to Contractors, b) the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form, c) the completed Schedule of Items, d) two copies of the completed and signed Contract Offer, Agreement & Award form, e) a Bid Guaranty, (if required), and f) any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.

For an Electronic Bid:

NOTE: Not all projects accept Electronic Bids. Please review the Notice to Contractors and see if it specifically states that Electronic Bids will be accepted.

- a) a completed Bid using Expedite® software and submitted via the Bid Express™ web-based service, b) an electronic Bid Guaranty (if required) or a faxed copy of a Bid Bond (with original to be delivered within 72 hours), and c) any other Certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.
3. Include prices for all items in the Schedule of Items (excluding non-selected alternates).
 4. Bid Guaranty acceptable forms are:
 - a) a properly completed and signed Bid Bond on the Department's prescribed form (or on a form that does not contain any significant variations from the Department's form as determined by the Department) for 5% of the Bid Amount or
 - b) an Official Bank Check, Cashier's Check, Certified Check, U.S. Postal Money Order or Negotiable Certificate of Deposit in the amount stated in the Notice to Contractors or
 - c) an electronic bid bond submitted with an electronic bid.
 5. If a paper Bid is to be sent, "FedEx First Overnight" delivery is suggested as the package is delivered directly to the DOT Headquarters Building located at 16 Child Street in Augusta. Other means, such as U.S. Postal Service's Express Mail has proven not to be reliable.

IN ADDITION, FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS:

6. Complete the DBE Proposed Utilization form, and submit with your bid. If you are submitting your bid electronically, you must FAX the form to (207) 624-3431. This is a curable defect.

If you need further information regarding Bid preparation, call the DOT Contracts Section at (207) 624-3410.

For complete bidding requirements, refer to Section 102 of the Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2026 Edition.

February 5, 2026
Supersedes April 28, 2017

NOTICE

The Maine Department of Transportation is attempting to improve the way Bid Amendments/Addendums are handled and allow for an electronic downloading of bid packages from our website, while continuing to maintain an optional plan holders list.

Prospective bidders, subcontractors or suppliers who wish to download a copy of the bid package and receive a courtesy notification of project specific bid amendments must fill out the on-line plan holder registration form and provide an email address to the MDOT Contracts mailbox at: MDOT.contracts@maine.gov. Each bid package will require a separate request.

Additionally, interested parties will be responsible for reviewing and retrieving the Bid Amendments from our web site, and acknowledging receipt and incorporating those Bid Amendments in their bids using the Acknowledgement of Bid Amendment Form.

The downloading of bid packages from the MDOT website is not the same as providing an electronic bid to the Department. Electronic bids must be submitted via <http://www.BIDX.com>. For information on electronic bidding contact Guy Berthiaume at guy.berthiaume@maine.gov.

NOTICE

For security and other reasons, all Bid Packages which are mailed, shall be provided in double (one envelope inside the other) envelopes. The *Inner Envelope* shall have the following information provided on it:

Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open

WIN:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor with mailing address and telephone number:

In Addition to the usual address information, the *Outer Envelope* should have written or typed on it:

Double Envelope: Bid Enclosed

WIN:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor:

This should not be much of a change for those of you who use Federal Express or similar services.

Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope as before, and should be marked with the following information:

Bid Enclosed: Do Not Open

WIN:

Town:

Name of Contractor:

August 1, 2026

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Bid Guaranty-Bid Bond Form

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT _____

_____, of the City/Town of _____ and State of _____

as Principal, and _____ as Surety, a

Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of _____ and having a usual place of

Business in _____ and hereby held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of

the State of Maine in the sum of _____, for payment which Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

The condition of this obligation is that the Principal has submitted to the Maine Department of Transportation, hereafter Department, a certain bid, attached hereto and incorporated as a part herein, to enter into a written contract for the construction of _____

_____ and if the Department shall accept said bid

and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the form attached hereto (properly

completed in accordance with said bid) and shall furnish bonds for this faithful performance of

said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing material in

connection therewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the

acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full

force, and effect.

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____ 20____

WITNESS:

WITNESS

PRINCIPAL:

By _____

By: _____

By: _____

SURETY:

By _____

By: _____

Name of Local Agency: _____

NOTICE

Bidders:

Please use the attached “Request for Information” form when submitting questions concerning specific Contracts that have been advertised for Bid, include additional numbered pages as required. RFI’s may be faxed to 207-624-3431, submitted electronically through the Departments web page of advertised projects by selecting the RFI tab on the project details page or via e-mail to RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov.

These are the only allowable mechanisms for answering Project specific questions. Maine DOT will not be bound to any answers to Project specific questions received during the Bidding phase through other processes.

When submitting RFIs by Email please follow the same guidelines as stated on the “Request for Information” form and include the word “RFI” along with the Project name and Identification number in the subject line.

RFI No: _____

Date _____ **Time** _____

WIN(S): _____ **Town(s):** _____ **Bid Date:** _____

Question(s):_____

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Company Name:_____ **Phone:()**_____

Email: _____ **Fax:** (____) _____

Complete this form and fax to 207-624-3431. Attn: Project Manager (name listed on the “Notice to Contractors”), or Email questions to RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov. Please include the word “RFI” along with the Project Name and Identification Number in the Subject line, or electronically by using the RFI Tab located on the Individual Projects Detail page.

NOTICE

BIDDER'S LIST FORM

All Bidders must submit the Bidder's List Form with their bid.

The Bidder's List Form contains information required by USDOT.

The Bidder's List Form must be completed by each Prime Contractor.

A copy of the new Bidder's List Form and instructions for completing it are attached.

The DBE Directory can be found on the MaineDOT Website at: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/civilrights/dbe/>

Questions about the Directory or this form should be sent to the Civil Rights Office at mary.bryant@maine.gov or by calling 207-624-3056.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE MAINEDOT BIDDER'S LIST FORM

The Contractor shall extend equal opportunity to MaineDOT certified DBE firms (as listed in MaineDOT's DBE Directory of Certified Businesses) in the selection and utilization of subcontractors and suppliers.

Each prime contractor submitting a bid on a federally funded project must complete each section of the Bidder's List Form in its entirety for itself and each subcontractor on that project.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM:

Section A:

1. Insert Prime Contractor Name
2. Insert WIN for the Federal Project bidding on
3. Insert Bid Date
4. Insert Project Location
5. Insert Email address of Contact Person

Section B:

- A. Enter each Contractor's and Sub-Contractor's name and address (including zip code) – Prime Contractor's name should be listed in first box of this section; then each additional line would be proposed subcontractors – DBE and NonDBE
- B. Enter each Contractor's and Sub-Contractor's annual gross receipts bracket (see the legend on the form)
- C. Enter DBE status (DBE or non-DBE) for each contractor/sub-contractor
- D. Enter each Contractor's and Sub-Contractor's NAICS (North Amer. Industry Classification System) code (may be more than one) and Scope of Work
- E. For each Contractor and Sub-Contractor enter the Race and Gender of the firm's majority owner
- F. Enter the Age of each firm for every Contractor and Sub-Contractor
- G. Enter the Proposed amount of payment (Bid amount) for each Contractor/Sub-Contractor.

Maine Department of Transportation
BIDDER'S LIST FORM

SECTION A. Bidder/Prime Contractor Information - This section must be completed by the Bidder/Prime Contractor

Prime Contractor Name: _____

Prime Contractor Email Address: _____ Bid Date: _____

Federal Project WIN: _____ Project Location: _____

SECTION B. COMMITMENT DETAILS – Prime contractor and all proposed subcontractor information is required in this section.

A. Firm name & address, including zip code. Prime must be listed first.	B. Annual gross receipt bracket Select 1 to 7*	C. Status: DBE or Non-DBE	D. NAICS Code(s) and scope of work	E. Age of each firm	F. Proposed amount

*1) Less than \$1M; 2) \$1 – \$3M; 3) \$3 - \$6M; 4) \$6 - \$10M; 5) \$10 - \$20M; 6) \$20 - \$50M; 7) Greater than \$50M – More than 5 subs use additional form.

For a complete list of certified DBE firms, please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/dot/doing-business/civil-rights/dbe>
This information is required pursuant to 49 CFR §26.11, and is used to track data in all federally funded MaineDOT contracts.

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Received Date: _____ Verified by: _____ Rev. 06.26

DBE GOAL NOTICE
Maine Department of Transportation
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with US DOT regulation 49 CFR Part 26, the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE) for disadvantaged business participation in the federal-aid highway and bridge construction programs; MaineDOT contracts covered by the program include consulting, construction, supplies, manufacturing, and service contracts.

Beginning September 1, 2024, 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 through August 31, 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:

<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/disadvantaged-business-enterprises/pdf/directory.pdf>

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 Sherry Tompkins at the Maine Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office by telephone at (207) 624-3066 or by e-mail at: sherry.tompkins@maine.gov

Maine Department of Transportation Civil Rights Office

Directory of Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

Listing can be found at:

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

For additional information and guidance contact:

Civil Rights Office at (207) 624-3056

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to access the DBE Directory at this site in order to have the most current listing.

September 14, 2007

Vendor Registration

Prospective Bidders must register as a vendor with the Department of Administrative & Financial Services if the vendor is awarded a contract. Vendors will not be able to receive payment without first being registered. Vendors/Contractors will find information and register through the following link –

<http://www.maine.gov/purchases/venbid/index.shtml>