



**MaineDOT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY**

RFP NUMBER AND TITLE:	T202601001 Deer Isle – Sedgwick Bridge Monitoring System
PROGRAM/OFFICE ISSUING RFP:	Maintenance & Operations – Bridge Maintenance
CONTRACT SPECIALIST:	Stephanie Freeman
SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:	01/16/2026
QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:	01/23/2026
PROPOSAL DUE DATE:	01/30/2026

Provided below are submitted written questions received and MaineDOT’s answer.

1	Question
	Could MaineDOT please clarify how the services under this RFP are intended to be classified for cost and compliance purposes? Given this structure, could MaineDOT please confirm whether these services may be treated as construction or installation/operations oversight services, rather than A/E design labor, for purposes of overhead rate and audit requirements?
	Answer
	Cost and compliance are addressed after a firm is selected, as this is a qualifications-based process. The firm selected through this RFP is not required to have an audited overhead rate.
2	Question
	To ensure proposed monitoring approaches complement rather than duplicate prior work, could MaineDOT please confirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultant team selected for the feasibility study, and • Whether a high-level summary of the feasibility study’s approach, as it relates to monitoring scope, is available to proposers?
	Answer
	We are unable to provide this information at this time.
3	Question
	Could you please provide the most recent inspection reports referenced in the RFP?
	Answer
	Yes, please email Ben Foster at Ben.Foster@maine.gov and provide information to access a secure file-sharing platform (e.g., Dropbox) for the transfer of large files.

4	Question
	Please confirm that plans prepared for the cable acoustic monitoring system (including sensor locations and type, communication and electrical block diagrams, conduit routing, fiber and communication details, network enclosure boxes and mounting thereof, etc.) shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Maine?
	Answer
	Plans are not required to be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Maine.

5	Question
	We respectfully request an additional week, 5:00PM ET 1/23/2026, for submitting questions, with responses and clarifications provided no later than COB on 1/30/2026.
	Answer
	This date will remain as stated in the RFP

6	Question
	We respectfully request that the proposal's due date be extended to 2:00PM ET 2/13/2026 for the Technical Proposal.
	Answer
	This date will remain as stated in the RFP

7	Question
	Understanding that this RFP is a 2-part process, regarding Part 2 Cost Proposal, to the Highest Qualified Proposer, it was observed that within the 'Completed Consultant's Cost Proposal Form', the form only addresses labor, rates and fees, with no input related to monitoring equipment, sensors, materials, MOT, electrical, etc. Can you provide clarification on how those items may/will be addressed (e.g. T&M, bulk, etc.).
	Answer
	This is a qualifications-based RFP. Once the Highest Qualified Proposer is identified, MaineDOT will enter into cost negotiations.

8	Question
	In item B.1.a.i – Work with the Department for how to attach the sensors and wiring – can additional clarification be provided as to what this means? Are there specific restrictions to attachment (i.e. no welding, etc.).
	Answer
	Welding is not allowable. Proposers are expected to detail their proposed approach for sensor attachment as part of their submission.

9	Question
	In item B.1.a.ii – Coordinate with the Department if electricity is needed. Does this mean that the proposer would provide direction to the Department on where power may be needed for any supporting instrumentation and the Department will bring power to the location(s)?
	Answer
	The selected firm will be involved in utility coordination for this project.

10	Question
	Other than wire breaks, is there any additional information that the Department is interested in monitoring, such as weather, displacement, etc. or is this wire break only, at this time?
	Answer
	Just wire breaks of the main cable.

11	Question
	Regarding scoring, will the Department be providing a table/breakdown of all proposers and scoring under the 4 selection criteria, after selection is made?
	Answer
	No.

12	Question
	Like question above, for those teams that are not selected, will the Department be providing a debrief, if requested?
	Answer
	After the contract is awarded, a debrief will be available upon request.

13	Question
	Is there an anticipated timeline for completing the selection, negotiation, and contract execution?
	Answer
	No

14	Question
	Is there an anticipated timeline for when the Department would like this work to begin and/or be completed by?
	Answer
	The Department anticipates that the sensors will be fully installed and operational by the end of 2026.

15	Question
	Noting that there are nesting (protected) osprey on the bridge, is it safe to assume that during nesting season, no work may be performed during the nesting period? If so, is there a time frame (historically), when this nesting occurs?
	Answer
	NEPA compliance will be addressed with the awarded firm.

16	Question
	As part of the planning process, can the Department provide information on MOT/Lane Closure restrictions (Working days, weekends, daytime, nighttime, etc.)?
	Answer
	The Department anticipates lane restrictions during the day only, no night work on the bridge riding surface and weekend work will be considered proper request/notification.