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**Solicitation Information
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ADDENDUM # 3

**RFQ#7458186
Title: CONSTRUCTION OF FISH LADDERS AT SLATER MILL DAM
BID OPENING NOVEMBER 30, 2012 AT 10:00AM (EST)**

Notice to Vendors:

NEW BID OPENING DATE WILL BE DECEMBER 14, 2012 AT 10:30 AM (EST)

SEE ATTACHED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be posted.

Questions for RFQ #7458186 Main Street and Slater Mill Fish Passage

- Q1. Will the General Contractor be allowed to install a work platform, made up entirely of Super Sack sand bags, within the river in the area of the proposed Main Street fishway? The sand bag platform will be high enough and cover enough area to enable construction of the Main Street fishway entirely from the platform without the use of barges.

Response: A supersack platform as described above was not shown on the environmental permit applications that were submitted and therefore is not currently authorized to be constructed. DEM will consider alternative cofferdam designs, however, if any permits or approvals need to be modified, the cost and burden of preparing any modification applications will be the responsibility of the contractor and there is no guarantee that the permitting agencies will approve the modification. Further, the contractor will be responsible for the performance of any modified cofferdam and will not be entitled to additional costs associated with constructing the modified cofferdam or redoing partially completed work destroyed by overtopping of the cofferdam. The contractor is responsible for design of all cofferdam systems to assure that normal river flow can pass by the cofferdam through the stone arches supporting Main Street Bridge.

- Q2. Will the General Contractor be allowed to dewater the river below the Main Street dam, in the area of the proposed fishway, and pour a permanent concrete working platform on the existing river bottom ledge. The concrete platform will be high enough and cover enough area to enable construction of the Main Street fishway entirely from the platform without the use of barges.

Response: A permanent concrete platform as described above was not shown on the environmental permit applications that were submitted or was it considered by the Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission and therefore is not currently authorized to be constructed. DEM will consider alternative cofferdam designs, however, if any permits or approvals need to be modified, the cost and burden of preparing any modification applications will be the responsibility of the contractor and there is no guarantee that the permitting agencies will approve the modification. Further, the contractor will be responsible for the performance of any modified cofferdam and will not be entitled to additional costs associated with constructing the modified cofferdam or redoing partially completed work destroyed by overtopping of the cofferdam. The contractor is responsible for design of all cofferdam systems to assure that normal river flow can pass by the cofferdam through the stone arches supporting Main Street Bridge.

- Q3. Are there any requirements for additional analytical testing of the materials to be removed from the intake to the hydroelectric plant?

Response: For the purposes of preparing a bid for this project, the contractor shall assume that the material to be removed from the hydroelectric plant is consistent with the analytical report provided in Attachment 15. Any analytical testing required prior to disposal to confirm the results in Attachment 15 shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

Q4. What is the budget estimate for this project?

Response: DEM does not publish the engineer's estimate but DEM can provide an estimated construction cost range of \$2-\$4 Million.