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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RHODE ISLAND CONTRACT NO.2015-CB-030

FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. FAP Nos: BHO-0011(004)

**Clarence L. Hussey Memorial Bridge No. 11**

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CITY/TOWN OF North Kingstown

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

ADDENDUM NO. 1 Prospective bidders and all concerned are hereby notified of the following changes in the Plans, Specifications, Proposal and Distribution of Quantities for this contract. These changes shall be incorporated in the Plans, Specifications, Proposal and Distribution of Quantities, and shall become an integral part of the Contract Documents.

**A. Other**

1. Pre Bid Meeting

The location of the Pre- Bid Meeting is revised. Details of the Per-Bid Meeting are as follows:

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: RI Department of Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, 2nd Floor, Conference Room C

**B. Specification Change/Addition**

1. Specifications - Job Specific

Add Section 105.22 Request for Information

Revise Code 108.1000 Prosecution and Progress



RI Department of Transportation  
Chief Engineer

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**SECTION 105.22  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**• Add the following Subsection 105.22.**

**105.22 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI).** An RFI is a document submitted by the Contractor requesting clarification of a portion of the Contract Documents or a field condition. All such requests shall include a detailed written statement indicating the specific Drawings or Specifications to be clarified and the clarification requested. In addition, the Contractor shall:

1. Clearly state the item to be clarified, provide background information as appropriate, and explain why a response is needed.
2. Identify Drawings by Drawing number and location on the sheet.
3. Identify Specifications by Section number, page and paragraph.
4. Provide description of the field condition requiring clarification.
5. Present Contractor's interpretation or understanding of the requirement.
6. Include possible solution by text and/or drawings.

Improper RFIs are defined as:

1. RFIs that are not complete.
2. RFIs that request information that is clearly shown on the Contract Documents.
3. RFIs that do not comply with the definition of an RFI as indicated above.

Improper RFIs will be returned unanswered.

Delays caused by improper RFIs are the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor is not entitled to additional time or monetary compensation as a result of such delays.

**a. RFI Submission.** RFIs are to be entered by the Contractor into the Department's web-based Project Management Portal system (PMP). The Contractor shall ensure all attachments are fully legible after download. Each page of attachments to RFIs shall bear the RFI number.

RFIs shall be originated by the Contractor. RFIs from subcontractors or material suppliers shall be submitted through, reviewed by, commented on, numbered, logged, and signed by the Contractor prior to submission to the Department.

The Contractor shall carefully study the Contract Documents to determine that the requested information is not available therein. RFIs which request information available in the Contract Documents will be deemed improper, as defined above.

RFIs shall be identified and submitted by the Contractor in a timely fashion in order to not cause delay to the Project. Any delays due to the untimely submission of RFIs will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

RFIs shall not be used for the following purposes:

1. To request approval of submittals.
2. To request approval of substitutions.
3. To request different methods of performing work than those drawn and specified.
4. To request changes to the Contract Documents.
5. To request additional cost or credit.
6. As routine written communications between the Department and the Contractor.
7. To reply to notices issued by the Department.
8. To clarify subcontract bid questions.
9. For any other purpose not listed in this Specification.

**b. RFI Response.** RFIs do not automatically justify a cost increase in the work or a change in the Project Schedule. Answered RFIs shall not be construed as approval to perform extra work.

Responses from the Department will not change any requirement of the Contract Documents. If the Contractor believes that a response to an RFI will cause a change to the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall immediately give written notice to the Engineer stating that the Contractor considers the response to require a Change Order. Failure to give such written notice immediately shall waive the Contractor's right to seek additional time or compensation.

The Contractor shall allow the Engineer 30 days review and response time for RFIs.

**CODE 108.1000**  
**PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS**

In accordance with Section 108.08, Failure to Complete on Time, Para. a., Phased Completion, Interim Completion and Substantial Completion the following defines the Interim and Substantial Completion Dates and Associated Liquidated Damages:

Interim Completion Date 1: November 15, 2016

All Contract work shall be completed, with the exception of in-waterway, paving, pavement markings, and landscaping, as defined by **Section 101.71**.

Liquidated Damages: \$1,200.00 per calendar day.

Substantial Completion: May 18, 2017

All Contract work shall be completed, as defined by **Section 101.71**.

Liquidated Damages: \$1,200.00 per calendar day.