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Subject: **Gardiner**
Maine State Project No. BR-1263(300)X
State Pin No.012633.00
Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Note 4, sheet 2 of 50 states that fill placed below elevation 140.00 shall be Granular Borrow meeting underwater backfill specs. The bid Item for Granular Borrow is 10cy. They can't both be correct. Is the Common Borrow item as large as it is because the Granular was included in it?

Response: There is no direct payment for granular borrow (Item 203.25) below elevation 140.00. The granular borrow used as a bedding material beneath the Plain Riprap is considered incidental to the Plain Riprap Item 610.08. A quantity of 10 cy was included in the estimate to be used at the sole discretion of the Resident. Typically granular borrow is used in support of traffic control.

Question: Regarding the coating of the steel sheet piling – Due to the fact that there is only one (1) coater in the Northeast that can provide fusion bond epoxy to structurals, will an alternate system be accepted? Also, the FBE coater has noted that the top color brown will be a “lite red-brown”. I cannot guarantee that will meet the color requested. By allowing either 16 mils of standard coal epoxy tar (black color) or even galvanizing the sheets, there could be a savings of up to \$20,000.00.

Response: Hot dip galvanizing shall be allowed as an alternative coating for the steel sheet piling versus using fusion bonded epoxy.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on April 15, 2009.

Sincerely,

Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer



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