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Subject: **Waterville**  
Project No. STP-1425(800)X  
Pin No. 14258.00  
**Amendment No. 1**

DAVID A. COLE  
COMMISSIONER

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received.

**Question:** In the construction notes page 4 of 5, Items 629 & 631 state that equipment rental will be used for any ditching. The schedule of items has a ditch item 211.3 by the Linear Foot. Is it the department's intent that the ditching done this year (prior to winter suspension) would be paid for using hourly rental items? Or, is ALL ditching on the project going to be paid for using hourly rental items?

**Response:** The intent was for any temporary work required this year, that rental would be paid for. Ditching will be by the linear foot.

**Question:** In Section 504 Earth Retention System, under item 504.04 Design Requirements, wall suppliers are uncomfortable with the Cooper E80 Railroad Loading requirements. Earth anchors would be required to get this rating. Due to concrete walls, the earth anchors can't be used. Does the department have any suggestion on other suppliers or methods?

**Response:** Special Provision Section 504-Earth Retention System is a design-build item that MaineDOT has established design criteria and requirements for. In our opinion, an earth retention system that meets the requirements of this specification is designable and constructible at this location. Since this is a design build item, we are not directing the bidders on how to design or construct this system.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on October 24, 2007.

Sincerely,

Scott Bickford  
Contracts & Specifications Engineer



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