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Subject: **Ocean Gateway Pier 2,
Berth 2**
State Project No: 017832.00
Location: Portland
Amendment No. 3

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Sheet 319-M, Detail 5-B calls out 6 pads. Sheet 315-M, Plan A shows 4 pads, however it refers to 3 “pairs” of pads. Where are the other pads?

Response: There are only 4 pads or 2 pairs of pads.

Question: What is the width of the float/barge?

Response: See sheet W315-M. The table of barge characteristics shows the beam at 45 feet.

Question: Reference the float fabrication, the welding regimen of this structure is not on the plans (eg. Angle to plane welds). No weld sizes, skip or alternating weld group direction, type etc.. When might this be forth coming?

Response: See Specifications Section 13990 – Float. Welding procedure and practice shall be in accordance with American Welding Society and the American Bureau of Shipping recommendations. No additional details are forth coming.

Question: Bid Item 639.18, the City indicated during the site visit that the Office Trailer would not be necessary and office space in the Terminal would be used. Please confirm.

Response: Contractor should plan on providing the field office as specified in the contract documents. This office would be located in the Amethyst Lot that is being provided for staging and parking.

Question: The City indicated during the site visit that the intent is to substitute fixed piers for gangways by negotiating with the low bidder. They also suggested that bidders provide some information regarding this in their bid. This would violate MDOT bid rules and render the proposal non-responsive. Please clarify.



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Response: This facility is owned by the City of Portland. Though a fixed pier may be preferred, the lack of adequate funding for the fixed pier option has resulted in the procurement of this floating pier project which has been fully designed and permitted. The contractor should disregard any statements made at the site visit regarding a fixed pier. Contractors should only bid the documents that have been provided and should not provide additional information with their bid for a fixed pier option.

Should other options become available to the Department and/or the City; the Department will follow standard, acceptable procedures to pursue those options.

Question: Please confirm that the Contractor is to only supply WEAP analysis and perform no pile testing.

Response: That is correct. There is no static or dynamic pile testing required for this project.

Question: Please confirm no anodes on piles.

Response: That is correct. There are no anodes required for this project.

Question: Please confirm that the Contractor is to supply no independent weld tests on piling splices.

Response: Please see Use of Existing Documents section that starts on page 22. On Page 23, the third question and response addresses this question. Those inspections must be made by a certified welding inspector, but that individual does not need to be from an independent source. This will be the minimum requirement for the contractor's quality control of the splicing operation. Quality Assurance will be performed by the Department.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on August 4, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford".

Scott Bickford
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