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May 29, 2009  
Subject: **Passenger Vessel Service**  
Location: **Islesboro/Lincolntonville**  
**Bid Amendment No. 1**

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Please make the following changes to the Bid Documents:

In the bid book on the "Notice to Contractors" page, within the first paragraph, **CHANGE** the bid opening date from June 3, 2009 to **June 17, 2009**. Make this change in pen and ink.

In Appendix A, Section IV Proposal Submission Requirements, B. Financial Proposal, paragraph two, **ADD** the following to the end of the sentence "...with a minimum of **twenty-eight (28) days of operation guaranteed.**" Make this change in pen and ink.

In Appendix A, Section III Scope of Work and Requirements, B. Vessel Availability, **CHANGE** the first sentence in paragraph two from "...must be available for all times during the ten (10) week Project." to read "...must be available for all times during the seven (7) week Project." Make this change in pen and ink.

In Appendix A, Section III Scope of Work and Requirements, A, item 3, **ADD** the following "e. **The Department may request that the vessel berth at other ports/facilities in West Penobscot Bay between Belfast and Camden. The Department agrees to give a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours advance notice of any schedule/port change. Any alternative ports/facilities designated by the Department will meet the vessel's specifications, i.e. draft, length, beam, etc. and will be mutually acceptable for both parties. It is not anticipated that the need to call upon alternative ports will necessitate extending the vessel's hours of daily service.**" Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** Would MDOT accept a current US Coast Guard "Certificate of Inspection" or COI in lieu of a marine survey?

**Response:** Yes, the MaineDOT will accept a current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection in lieu of a marine survey.



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**Question:** Would MDOT accept a vessel that did 11 knots but still be able to make the 2.8-mile run in 15 minutes?

**Response:** Yes, as long as the 2.8 mile voyage can be completed in 15 minutes (11.2 knots).

**Question:** We would like to request an extension of 2 weeks with bid proposals due June 17, 2009.

**Response:** Please see the above change.

**Question:** Are there any exceptions allowable on the speed requirement? (for either vessel)

**Response:** Yes, required speed of the primary and alternate vessel(s) can be reduced to 11.2 knots (the speed necessary to travel 2.8 nautical miles in 15 minutes).

**Question:** Would side curtains and awning over the seating area be adequate "inside" seating for the alternate vessel?

**Response:** Yes, side curtains and awning over seating area constitutes "inside" seating for the alternate vessel.

**Question:** Is the MSFS providing any deckhands for the vessel?

**Response:** No, the Maine State Ferry Service will not be providing deckhands for the vessel. Per Re: Appendix A, Section III- Scope of Work, C. Emergency Trip, Overnight Moorage, Crew Housing, Ticketing, and Fueling- "At its sole expense, the Maine DOT/MSFS will provide one or more crew members to sell MSFS-issued passenger tickets". This will be done shore side and the crewmember will assist with handling mooring lines, embarkation and debarkation of passengers, but will not be allowed to work aboard the vessel.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on June 3, 2009.

Sincerely,



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