

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY**

**ADDENDUM NO. 1**

**CONTRACT 2014.02**

**ROADSIDE CLEARING**  
**MM 63.0 TO MM 75.3**

The following are questions asked at the pre-bid meeting held on October 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. EST at Maine Turnpike Authority Headquarters or that have been submitted to the Maine Turnpike Authority in writing prior to close of business on November 6, 2014. Answers to the questions are noted. Bidders shall utilize this information in preparing their bid. A copy of the pre-bid conference sign in sheet and agenda are attached.

**QUESTIONS:**

Question 1: Can work begin at another location than what is specified in the contract?

Answer: Yes.

Question 2: Can the substantial completion date be moved back to allow more time for grinding, especially if there is heavy snow?

Answer: Yes. The Substantial Completion date will be moved back to May 15, 2015.

Question 3: Can the final completion date be moved back?

Answer: Yes. The Final Completion date will be moved back to May 29, 2015.

Question 4: Is there a maintenance yard that can be used?

Answer: Equipment can be stored at the Gray Maintenance facility at MM 63.3 and at the Auburn Maintenance facility at MM 76.9. Timber, wood waste, and other material removed from the work site cannot be stored at the Gray Maintenance facility. Storage area for timber, wood waste, etc. at Auburn Maintenance facility is minimal and will need to be coordinated with the Authority.

Question 5: Are there any locations that can be used to turn direction in between Gray and Auburn Exits?

Answer: Yes. Vehicles may utilize the Emergency Vehicle Ramps at Bennett Road overpass and Bald Hill Road overpass provided that the vehicle can safely maneuver onto and off of the local roadway.

Question 6: What is meant by agenda item 11d?

Answer: Standard working hours shall be 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Disregard the “shoulder closure only” note in paranthesis.

**REVISIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS:**

**Section 107.1 Contract Time and Contract Completion Date**

Delete the first paragraph in its entirety and replace with the following:

Work on the site shall commence on or before December 15, 2014 at the discretion of the Authority. Tree clearing activity in Location 1 shall be completed on or before February 27, 2015. Tree clearing activity at all other Locations shall be completed on or before April 17, 2015. Work at all locations shall be substantially complete on or before May 15, 2015. All work included in this contract shall be complete on or before May 29, 2015.

**Notes:** The above items shall be considered as part of the bid submittal.

The total number of pages included with this addendum is eight (8).

All bidders are requested to acknowledge the receipt of the Addendum No. 1 by signing below and faxing this sheet to Brian A. Taddeo , P.E., Project Engineer, MTA at 207-878-8613. Bidders are also required to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum No. 1 on Page P-3 of the bid package.

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Business Name

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Print Name and Title

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Signature

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Date

November 10, 2014

Very truly yours,  
MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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Nathanial F. Carll  
Purchasing Manager  
Maine Turnpike Authority





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Pre-Bid Conference

CONTRACT 2014.02

Roadside Clearing

October 29, 2014 at 10:00 AM

1) Location:

The location of work is as follows:

Location 1: Clearing areas designated in the contract documents, located in and around Exit 63 and including the proposed park and ride lot on Rte. 126A, in the Town of Gray.

Location 2: 12.3 Miles of northbound right of way commencing at Mile 63.0 (Sta. 3164+00) in the Town of Gray and extending northerly to Mile 75.3 (Sta. 3800+00) in the City of Auburn;

Location 3: 12.3 Miles of southbound right of way commencing at Mile 75.3 (Sta. 3800+00) in the City of Auburn and extending southerly to Mile 63.0 (Sta. 3164+00) in the Town of Gray.

Location 4: Clearing areas designated in the contract documents, located in and around Exit 75 in the City of Auburn.

2) General Description:

a) The clearing work consists of clearing of all trees, down timber, brush, bushes, shrubs, plants, and debris not designated to remain within one hundred (100) linear feet of the roadway baseline or as shown on the contract plan set for Locations 1 through 4 noted above, and all other work incidental thereto in accordance with the contract documents.

b) Project goals are to

- i) remove vegetation from clear zones to improve roadside safety
- ii) reduce shading of the roadway pavement to aid in snow and ice removal operations
- iii) clear vegetation prior to construction of new infrastructure at Exit 63

c) All work shall be governed by the specifications entitled "State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002", "Standard Details, Revision of December 2002" and "Best Management Practices for Erosion and Sediment

Control”, latest issue, and these contract documents and their addenda. Copies and recent updates to these publications can be downloaded at:

[www.maine.gov/mdot/contractor-consultant-information/contractor\\_cons.php](http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractor-consultant-information/contractor_cons.php).

d) **General Requirements for acceptance of the work:**

- i) All trees, brush, bushes, downed timber, shrubs, plants and forest debris shall be removed and disposed of off-site.
- ii) All stumps existing or the result of clearing operations that are located within the roadway clear zone, or that are located in areas that can be mowable after clearing operations are completed, shall be cut or ground flush with the surrounding grade. Stumps located in back slopes and that are fifteen (15) feet or less above the ditch line shall also be cut or ground flush with surrounding grade. In all other clearing areas, stumps shall be cut as close to the ground as practicable and shall not exceed a height of three (3) inches. The Resident Engineer shall assist in determining the location of these areas as required. Areas where grinding of stumps will not be required are shown on the contract plan set.
- iii) Proposed treeline shall be left in a neat and aesthetically pleasing state.
- iv) All wood waste and debris generated from the clearing operation shall be cleaned up and removed from the site.
- v) Rutting and damage to fore and back slopes and ditch lines shall be regraded, repaired, stabilized and revegetated.

3) **Bidding:**

- a) Bid Opening will be on November 13, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at MTA headquarters, 2360 Congress Street, Portland, Maine.
- b) Questions regarding bidding and contractual matters, as well as plans and specifications shall be directed to Mr. Nathaniel Carll. Phone No. (207) 482-8115. Fax No. (207) 871-7739.
- c) A five percent (5%) bid bond is due at time of bid submission.

4) **Site Inspection:**

- a) Contractor shall notify and obtain approval from the Authority prior to visiting the Project site for field inspection. The contact person is Mr. Steve Tartre, Dir. of Engineering, at (207) 871-7771, Ext. 144.

5) **Construction Schedule of Work:**

- a) November 21, 2014 - Contract Award date.
- b) Week of December 8, 2014 (**Tentative**) – Pre-Construction Meeting

- c) December 15, 2014 - Contract Start date. (Special Provisions Section 107.1 Contract Time and Contract Completion Date)
  - d) Tree clearing activity in Location 1 shall be completed on or before February 27, 2015.
  - e) Tree clearing activity at all other Locations shall be completed on or before April 17, 2015
  - f) May 1, 2015 – Substantial Completion, defined in Special Provision Section 107.1.1 Substantial Completion.
  - g) May 15, 2015 - Contract Completion date.
- 6) Maine Department of Labor – Fair Hourly Wages (Special Provision 104.3.8):
    - a) Highway and Earthwork wages
  - 7) Response to Damage Claims (General Provision 104.3.11):
    - a) Contractor responsible for responding to all damage claims within 30 days.
  - 8) Cooperation With Other Contractors (Special Provision 104.4.7):
    - a) Paving and Clear Zone work from Mile Marker 68.5 to 74.9, April or May 2015.
  - 9) General Requirements
    - a) U-Turns at toll plazas and median openings not allowed. (General Provision 105.5.1):
  - 10) Permit Requirements (Special Provision 105.8.2)
    - a. Compliance with erosion and sedimentation control as outlined in this Contract is required.
  - 11) Limitations of Operations (Special Provision 107.4.7):
    - a) All clearing work in and around Exit 63 shall be completed on or before February 27, 2015.
    - b) Temporary storage of equipment and materials shall be allowed on-site along the roadway and outside of the clear zone and as approved by the Resident Engineer.
    - c) Environmentally sensitive areas have been identified by the Authority and are noted in Appendix A. Selective hand cutting of trees, bushes, shrubs, etc., shall be accomplished by means other than with mechanized equipment in the identified areas.
    - d) Standard working hours shall be 7:00am to 4:00pm (shoulder closure only).
    - e) Lane closure hours are shown in Section 652 Maintenance of Traffic.
  - 12) Maintenance of Traffic (Special Provision Section 652):
    - a) Traffic Control will be provided by the Authority.

- i) Authority to provide one temporary lane closure or shoulder closure per day, maximum 2 mile length, unless otherwise approved.
  - ii) Requests for temporary lane closures and shoulder closures shall be submitted a minimum of two days in advance of scheduled closure. Requests are subject to approval by MTA.
  - iii) Shoulder and Lane Closures will not be provided during periods of inclement weather or during periods of heavy traffic volumes.
- b) Stoppages of traffic for felling large trees near the roadway (stoppages less than five minutes).
- i) Requests for short term traffic stoppages (up to 5 minutes) shall be submitted two days in advance of scheduled stoppage. Request subject to approval by MTA.
  - ii) Fee of \$500 per minute for each minute in excess of the five minute allowance.
- c) Safety Vests labeled as ANSI 107-2004 standard performance for Class III risk exposure shall be worn by all jobsite personnel including truck drivers and equipment operators when outside of vehicle cab.
- d) Strobe lights will be required on all Contractor vehicles on the job site, including employee owned vehicles.

### 13) Turnpike Passes

- a) Contractor shall be issued passes for travel over the Turnpike for the duration of the project.

### 14) Bonding and Insurance

- a) Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of total proposal amount is due with submission of bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check payable to the Maine Turnpike Authority.
- b) Upon award of the contract, the successful Bidder shall furnish a Surety Corporation Bond, satisfactory to the Authority on the standard contract bond forms, for no less than the Total Amount of the Proposal.

### 15) Questions?