

ADDENDUM NO. 2
TO
CITY OF AUBURN, MAINE
BID#2026-019 Littlefield Dam Removal
DATE: 3/6/26

This addendum amends and /or supplements the bid documents as indicated below. Only these items alter the bid documents. Any verbal discussions or responses are hereby declared null and void. Please acknowledge this addendum on the Bid Proposal Form.

The due date for bid proposals has been extended by a week. All proposals are due on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 2pm.

Q1: Can you share construction information and images from the original construction of the dam?

A1: The Dam was built in the early 1900s as a hydroelectric generating station. The left embankment of the Dam was breached in the March 1936 flood, which marked the end of its operations. We do not have any further details from the original construction of the dam. Aerial videos of the dam from last summer and fall and details from a 1980s licensing attempt have been posted to city website. Please see links below.

Aerial video and Images: [Littlefield Dam Removal](#)

Details from 1980s licensing attempt: [Littlefield Dam Removal](#)

Q2: Can any of the area near the cooling water intake for the plant's cooling water be laid down?

A2: This will be reviewed as part of the submittal process. Panalom will need to see specs from the contractor for a decision. Panolam accesses the area daily for the plant's cooling water and lay down will be limited here if needed at all.

Q3: Recognizing that in-water work cannot begin July 15, what is the time frame that contractors can start mobilizing? How soon can that work start? Or is it expected to begin on July 15?

A3: Mobilization can start once the Notice to Proceed is issued and the work cannot proceed until all permits are in hand. At this time, the City has an approved DEP permit in hand, the Army Corps permit is still under review, with an unclear turnaround time, and the local permits will be obtained this spring. We estimated that all permits will be in hand by June. Once all permits are in hand, the contractor may begin work in the

upland areas outside the river prior to July 15 water work date. In-water work can occur after July 15. See also Q19.

Q4: Does a culvert need to be put in place?

A4: Ideally, timber mats and/or bulk bags or a culvert would be used for a temporary crossing. Per DEP, no loose gravel can be used because the area is a wetland.

Q5: Is there any funding that's going to require Federal wage rates?

A5: Since it's a federally funded project, the contractor is required to document and submit total labor hours and costs for the project. Federal wage rate tracking is not required.

Q6: Does the erosion control plan need to be submitted by the contractor for approval before start of construction?

A6: Yes. Part 1.6 of the Section 01 35 13 Special Conditions in the RFP Specifications lays out the expected submittals and their required timing.

Q7: Can the contractor remove trees for this project?

A7: Yes, tree removal should be accounted for under the Clearing and Grubbing item within the bid. See Section 31 10 00 Clearing and Grubbing for a description. The project area is not in the Northern Long Eared Bat habitat zone, so trees can be cut as needed to establish access. Approval of the permitting is contingent upon commitment of no overnight noise. Review and coordinate clearing and grubbing activities on-site with the Engineer prior to the initiation of clearing and grubbing.

Q8: Is there an option to access the dam from the Martindale Country Club?

A8: Martindale does not want the full construction project running across its fairways and greens. Since the remnant dam is small, Martindale is open to the contractor using a small piece of equipment on the golf course. Inter-Fluve suggests running plywood sheets to crawl across the course in coordination with Martindale. Using that site would eliminate the need to create access from the dam up to the remnant dam, but it would require moving your operation around and from across the golf course.

Q9: Is that access available, or will that involve clearing?

A9: It is a shorter clearing coming down from the golf course, but there's still some clearing involved. We can share aerial video from this summer to provide better details.

Q10: Does anybody have the actual measurements of how thick the dam is?

A10: Yes, the measurements are listed in the plans.

Q11: What are the expectations for the 3-year warranty plan for plantings?

A11: The City will monitor the plantings and will notify the contractor if there is a need for replacement. See Section 32 90 00 Site plantings for further details. The Contractor shall submit a 3-year Plant Maintenance Plan to be reviewed and accepted by the Engineer and Owner. This Maintenance Plan will address the maintenance of the installed vegetation to achieve the minimum guarantee requirements outlined in 3.6 of Section 32 90 00. The Maintenance Plan shall consider the provision of a prior approved water source, materials to be used for irrigation, methods for protection against animal browse, and a schedule for site maintenance inspections and activities.

Q12: For the water control, do you have anything as the engineer thought of, or is it all just left up to the contractor?

A12: Inter-Fluve has recommendations in the design but defers to the contractor for specific plans. The contractor will submit a Control of Water Plan prior to the preconstruction conference for review. In the plan, The Contractor shall describe through narrative and figures the approach to the required stream diversion, local dewatering, and erosion and turbidity control measures, including sequencing and intended means and methods. The Contractor should also demonstrate the anticipated capacities of water conveyance measures used for stream diversion, and demonstrate that the planned capacities are adequate for the anticipated streamflow during the period of construction

Q13: Is the contractor able to pump 24 hours a day if needed?

A13: No. Considering the water level behind the dam, it shouldn't be necessary but overnight noise limits apply.

Q14: How deep is the pool right below the dam?

A14: It's 9 or 10 feet deep. A riffle below the pool is approximately 1 to 2 feet deep under summer conditions. Upstream, at ambient water levels, it ranges from 4-9 feet

deep. When it's drawn down, the impoundment will be shallower and covering a smaller area.

Q15: Should the contractor assume that concrete is 9 to 10 feet deep in the water?

A15: Unsure. It's possible but it could also be ledge. Specifications for removal to ledge are in the design. If it is discovered during removal that substantial concrete exists below the design volume calculations then an addendum can be considered.

Q16: Can the contractor work in the water?

A16: The contractor can work in the water in the designated time frame of July 15-September 30. The contractor needs to be isolating in-water work areas and ensure standard best management practices are in place for sediment control.

Q17: What are standard practices?

A17: Keeping active flow away from where the contractor is working, turbidity curtains downstream, standard erosion and sediment control BMPs around the staging and access areas. As noted in the plan sheets, contractors are required to adhere to both Maine DEP and Maine DOT standards. Links below will navigate you to those publications:

<https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/erosion/escbmps/>

<https://www.maine.gov/dot/sites/maine.gov.dot/files/2023-08/BMP2008full.pdf>

Q18: Project Start: Maranda had mentioned the permits not being ready before June 1st, does this permitting include the clearing and prepping of the access road or can that be done prior to June 1st?

A18: No work can begin until permits are in hand. The Maine DEP permit has been approved. The Army Corps permit application has been submitted. The Army Corps permit is in review and the 120-day review timeline concludes on June 27th, which we hope will be expedited, but could extend to late June at the latest.

Q19: Budget: Can the City disclose the budget for this project?

A19: The project construction is being financed through a grant the City successfully received from NOAA Fisheries in 2024. We are confident we have access to sufficient

funds to complete the work within the contract period. Once a contractor is selected and a contract is executed, the City can share the Engineer's Opinion of Cost.

Q20: Access road: What is the expectation once the project is completed for the access road being used? If gravel is brought in does it all need to be removed?

A20: The designs call for the gravel to be removed in areas that do not currently have gravel in place, and the area restored with native seeds. Bid assuming this is required. It is possible the landowners prefer to have the access left in place.

Pre-Bid Conference Sign In Sheet

Date: 2-24-26

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