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**SUBJECT: 1. Modifications to “Front End” Documents.
Changes are effective immediately and are to be incorporated on all projects.**

ITEM 1 CHANGES TO COVER PAGE

.1 Changes have been made to the cover page of the project specific front end specification, and a specification writing note has been added.

.2 Changes have been made to the cover page of the standard front end specification.

ITEM 2 CHANGES TO EMAIL ADDRESSES

.1 The email address: Carole-anne.peckham@gnb.ca has been revised to read: constructionquestions@snb.ca at the following locations:

1. Section 00 21 13 item 1.4.2.5
2. Section 00 21 13 item 1.4.2.6
3. Section 00 21 13 item 1.4.4.1
4. Section 00 21 14 item 1.4.2.5
5. Section 00 21 14 item 1.4.2.6
6. Section 00 21 14 item 1.4.4.1
7. Section 00 22 13 item 1.2.1
8. Section 00 22 13 item 1.11
9. Section 01 35 30 item 1.2.1.2.1

.2 Section 00 21 13 item 1.1.1.2 and section 00 21 14 item 1.1.1.2. The email address: constructiontendering@gnb.ca has been revised to read: constructionbidssoumissions@snb.ca

.3 Section 00 22 13 item 1.4.1 (two locations): email address: constructiontendering@gnb.ca has been deleted

ITEM 3 EFFECT OF BIDS HIGHER THAN THE ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE

.1 The following paragraph has been added to the front end specification section 00 21 13 INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS:

EFFECT OF BIDS HIGHER THAN THE ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE

Where all compliant bids submitted in response to a construction solicitation document are higher than the estimated contract value, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure may proceed with one of the following:

- Award the contract to the lowest priced compliant bidder for the bid amount; or
- Negotiate changes in the scope of work with the lowest priced compliant bidder (within the framework of the original tender call, including all sub-contractors listed) to achieve an acceptable contract price. If negotiations are unsuccessful in achieving the desired cost reductions, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure may cancel the solicitation, re-scope or separate portions of the work to retender them separately, or make changes to the scope of work and retender by inviting at least the three (where applicable) compliant bidders to re-bid the work.

.2 The following paragraph has been added to the front end specification section 00 21 14 INSTRUCTIONS AUX SOUMISSIONNAIRES:

EFFET DES SOUMISSIONS PLUS ÉLEVÉES QUE LA VALEUR ESTIMATIVE DU CONTRAT

Si toutes les soumissions conformes en réponse à une demande de soumission de travaux de construction sont plus élevées que la valeur estimative du contrat, le ministère des Transports et de l'Infrastructure peut recourir à l'une des options suivantes :

- Attribuer le marché au plus bas soumissionnaire pour le montant de la soumission.
- Négocier des changements dans la portée des travaux avec le plus bas soumissionnaire (à l'intérieur du cadre de l'appel d'offres original, notamment avec tous les sous-traitants énumérés) pour conclure un prix de contrat acceptable. Si les négociations ne permettent pas d'atteindre les réductions de coût souhaitées, le ministère des Transports et de l'Infrastructure peut annuler la demande de soumissions, changer la portée des travaux ou séparer des parties du projet pour lancer de nouveaux appels d'offres séparés, ou faire des changements à la portée des travaux et lancer un nouvel appel d'offres en invitant au moins les trois soumissionnaires (le cas échéant) à présenter une nouvelle soumission.