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To: All Consultants

RE: Change to Bonding Submission Options

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In continuing our efforts to adapt to the challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, in addition to the traditional methods, electronic bonding will now be accepted.

Contractors may provide Bid Bonds, Performance Bonds as well as Labour and Material Payment Bonds in either paper or electronic format (e-Bonds).

In accordance with the recommendations of the Surety Association of Canada, the e-Bonds shall be digitally verifiable through a third party digital certification service provider that can maintain integrity of e-Bond content and provide secure access to the e-Bond such as Mobile Bonds, Xenex Enterprises or Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company.

Electronic Bonds are to be emailed to tenderingandcontracts@gov.nl.ca in advance of the specified closing date and time. The subject line must include:

“Electronic Bond for Tender (reference number)”.

To be clear, **this does not mean** a scanned copy of a paper bond. Scanned copies of paper bonds **will not be accepted** as electronic bonding. Bidders are encouraged to seek instructions and further information from their Provider on electronic bonding.

The bond must be made out to the entity identified in the tender documents, not Municipal Affairs and Environment.

MAE will be issuing Addenda for projects closing next week, and these changes will be incorporated in the MAE front end documents

Sincerely,



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