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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #060-2018
University of Maine Facilities Management All Wheel Compact Loader
RESPONSE ADDENDUM #2
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This addendum responds to initial questions submitted by vendors.

The University of Maine

University of Maine
at Augusta

University of Maine
at Farmington

University of Maine
at Fort Kent

University of Maine
at Machias

University of Maine
at Presque Isle

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Q1. Section 5 page 16 says, "The University will only accept bids meeting required and minimum specifications." On page 20, under Loader Performance Specifications, the specification calls for "Minimum Bucket Breakout 12,000 lbs." This allows only one of the original bidders to meet specification, making it a proprietary, sole source bid.

The bucket breakout force has almost no value as a requirement, unless the loader spends most of the time in a virgin material pit, which is not likely for a loader of this size. If the University were to lower the specifications to 10,000 lbs. it would allow additional bidders to meet the requirement.

Will the University change the above noted specification to 10,000 lbs.? This would give the University System an opportunity to select an alternate that may be more likely to be in the best interest of the University, the tax payers, and the student tuition payers.

A1. No. The University will not change the minimum bucket breakout requirement. It stands at minimum bucket breakout of 12,000 lbs. The University has determined that the specifications as listed is in the best interest of the University. The University believes that the specifications allow for multiple bids.

Q2. Can the University provide additional photos of the trade-in?

A2. Yes, see below, pictures of the spreader and v-plow are not included. The University is in the process of replacing the rear seal. Pictures can be emailed upon request.







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