



**Franklin Regional  
Council of Governments**

**Town of Wendell – REBID Farley Rd. Bridge #E-10-006=W-15-005  
IFB 2025-2163**

**ADDENDUM 3– July 29, 2025**

Please note the following submitted questions:

1. The “**Proposed Deck to Stringer Connection Detail**” found on sheet 2 of the plans, shows the rough-cut timber wearing surface attached to the timber-plank deck, using 3/8” galvanized lag screws, “...with a Minimum Embedment of 4 Inches.”

*The timber-plank deck is only 3.5 inches thick. My interpretation of 4 inch embedment would be the depth of embedment after penetrating the work-piece; which in this case would be the timber wearing surface. Please clarify the engineer’s intent for “minimum embedment.”*

**RESPONSE 1:** The minimum embedment is the total between the 2 pieces so therefore the minimum penetration into the 4x6 will be approximately 2 inches depending on the actual rough cut thickness of the wearing surface boards.

2. *Would the engineer consider the use of Simpson Strong-Drive, structural timber screws, or a similar product, for attaching the timber wearing surface to the timber plank deck?*

**RESPONSE 2:** Yes with a submittal to the Engineer for final approval.

The MassDOT Prequalification Amount and Class of Work have been established:

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| Prequalification Amount: | \$403,200.00        |
| Class of Work:           | Bridge Construction |

Sealed bids are due on AUGUST 13, 2025 at 2PM.

Please acknowledge ADDENDUM 3 on the bid signature page.

All other provisions of the Invitation for Bids remain unchanged.

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