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TO: All Plan Holders

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SUBJECT: **Notice – Questions & Answers**

1. **Q1:** Prospective bidders inquired if the bid due date can be postponed one or two weeks.

A1: The bid due date/opening date has been postponed to August 9, 2013.

2. **Q2:** Is the ballast material contaminated? Will the contractor be responsible for off hauling and disposing contaminated material?

A2: See INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS Items 3 and 5. Bidders must satisfy themselves through their own testing and investigation, as to the conditions to be encountered. Bidders shall include in their bids, sums to compensate Bidder in the event that Bidder is awarded the Contract and encounters unexpected or other conditions.

All ballast removed from the bridge decks for the convenience of the Contractor to perform repairs or as necessary shall be replaced with clean ballast and compacted per; AREMA Volume 1 - Track, Chapter 1 – Roadway and Ballast, Section 2.0 Substructure Introduction through Section 2.10 Maintenance Practices.

Any suitable ballast removed from the ballast deck structures to facilitate the work may be stockpiled within the SCCRTC right-of-way or re-used as backfill or for roadbed shoulder widening on the right-of-way. Ballast used for these purposes will be placed at locations approved by the owner's representative. Contractor's work plan shall contain provisions for management of materials to address soil and ballast sampling, excavation, handling, stockpiling, and disposal procedures for any materials removed from the SCCRTC right-of way in compliance with Federal, State and local laws.

Any soil or ballast designated to be removed from SCCRTC property shall be tested prior to removal from the right-of-way.