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Kathleen Ramsay  
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Re: Middlebury RS 0174(8) Bridge 13 along VT Route 125

Dear Ms. Ramsey:

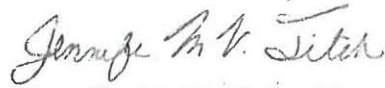
I am happy to announce that the above referenced Middlebury bridge replacement project (Sand Hill Bridge) was advertised on schedule and will be awarded shortly. At the request of the Town of Ripton, the Agency strived to keep the forty-five (45) day bridge closure period (BCP) during the months of April and May of 2014. However, the amount of snow cover, snow and ice melt and associated drainage, and weather conditions during the spring months can be very unpredictable. By limiting the BCP to a single fixed time interval, the Contractor is at greater risk for delays due to these extenuating circumstances possibly extending the closure period. To have the BCP be as short a duration as possible and within the desired timeframe, the Agency is allowing the contractor to select one of the following BCP work windows:

- BCP-1: April 19<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- BCP-2: April 26<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>
- BCP-3: May 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>

To encourage the Contractor to provide a maximum effort to complete the identified work within the BCP as early in the construction season as possible, the Agency is willing to pay an incentive with a greater compensation amount designated for an earlier BCP. The Contractor is required to notify the Agency a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the BCP. The Agency will keep the affected towns, public, and other stakeholders informed as the project progresses to ensure a smooth transition prior to and following the BCP period.

Feel free to contact me at 828-2553 or email me at [Jennifer.Fitch@state.vt.us](mailto:Jennifer.Fitch@state.vt.us) if you have any questions

Sincerely,



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