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Sting Stewardship (IRTC)
Date: December 25 , 2015

Dear Prospective Offeror:

The Forest Service will receive Technical and Price Proposals (no public opening) at the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, OR 97701, no later than 11:00 AM local time on January 26, 2015, for the Sting Stewardship Integrated Resource Timber Contract. This contract is located in Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 35, 36, T.26S., R.7E.; Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, T.26S.,R.8E.;W.M., Surveyed Klamath County, Oregon.

Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is December 31, 2018.

This stewardship contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of two (2) mandatory restorative service projects and one (1) optional restorative service project meant to improve ecological conditions within the Deschutes National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the Contractor.

Project#	Mandatory or Optional (M or O)	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	M	Improve stand health by reducing the number of mistletoe trees. Also, treat activity created slash and existing slash and down wood less than 9 inches in diameter at the small end to achieve less than 9 Tons/acre fuel loading in the above stated diameter size classes.	Acres	215
002	M	Improve white headed woodpecker habitat and increase resistance to bark beetles and fire by thinning small diameter non-commercial sized trees. Also, treat activity created slash and existing slash and down wood less than 8 inches in diameter at the small end in pure Lodgepole pine stands and less than 9 inches in diameter at the small end in all other stands to achieve less than 9 Tons/acre fuel loading in the above stated diameter size classes.	Acres	1,208
003	O	Cattle Guard Removal	Each	1

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 41,145 Tons. There is also an additional un-estimated amount of Green Convertible Biomass available as Timber Subject to Agreement (standing trees). The Forest Service encourages potential Offerors to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates ($)	Base Rates ($)	Slash Disposal ($)	Road Maintenance($)
Lodgepole Pine and Sugar Pine	Sawtimber	Ton	28,914.00	10.3	6.52	.30	.55	.30
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	Ton	11,090.00	14.3	6.52	.30	.55	.30
White fir and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	1141.00	10.3	6.52	.30	.55	.30
	TOTAL		41,145.00				22,629.75	12,343.50

Timber Subject to Agreement

							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates ($)	Base Rates ($)	Slash Disposal ($)	Road Maintenance ($)
All Species Landing/Grapple Piles	Grn Bio Cv	TON	N/A	N/A	$.01	0.01	0.0	.30
All Species standing trees 5.0 inches DBH to A.2 Specifications	Grn Bio Cv	TON	N/A	N/A	$.01	0.01	.00	.30

Slash disposal and Road Maintenance are required deposits

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is $268,265.40 (for biddable species).
A bid guarantee is not required. A performance bond is required.

Offeror is required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated on the Bid Form. Award will be made to the Offeror whose bid is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is most advantageous to the Government. The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all proposals or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Offeror shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party

A pre-offer conference will be held for prospective Offerors at 9:00 AM, Tuesday January 12, 2015 at the Crescent Ranger District, located at 136471 Hwy 97 N., 97733 in Crescent, OR. The Forest Service will leave tree mark approximately 5 acres in one subdivision to demonstrate the prescription before the pre-offer conference. The purpose of the meeting is to go through the Integrated Resource Timber contract, explain the Best Value award process and requirements for both the price and technical proposals, and explain/review the requirements of the stewardship restoration projects.

Parties submitting a Technical Proposal are to use the Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract in responding to included evaluation criteria. Contractors can submit Alternate Technical Proposals for this project. However, the Contractor must submit a Technical Proposal that addresses the evaluation criteria as stated in addition to submitting the alternate proposal.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, bid form, and restorative service projects please write or call the Crescent Ranger District, Patrick Ahern (541)383-3246, or by contacting the Contracting Officer Amy Lowe at (541)383-5590 or aelowe@fs.fed.us. Contract information and bid documents can be found on the Deschutes National Forest web page, http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/centraloregon/timbersales.

Sincerely,

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Contracting Officer

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