

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

C-109/110 POPSICLE NS STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT WINN R. D.

THIS IS A STEWARDSHIP END-RESULT CONTRACT – A COMBINATION OF TIMBER SALE AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICE WORK

Proposals must be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA by 4:00 P.M. on March 31, 2016. This is a Best Value Offer Contract and award will be based on a combination of price and technical performance.

LOCATION: The timber harvesting contract area is located approximately four (4) miles southwest of Packton, LA in T9N, R2W, Sections 18,19,29,30,31, & 32, and T9N, R3W, Section 13; the required stewardship work is located approximately five (5) miles west of Georgetown, LA in T9N, R1W, Sections 16, 20, 21, & 22, of Grant Parish.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The contract area consists of about 2061 acres of which an estimated 441 acres are designated for timber cutting. The contract contains ten (10) Payment Units, all of which are designation by spacing thinning. In PU 1-5, 7, 8 & 10 the purchaser will be required to cut and remove smaller diameter trees within 13 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; in PU 6 & 9, the purchaser will be required to cut and remove smaller diameter trees within 12 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; all trees within skid corridors which are no more than 14 feet wide and no closer than 70 feet apart measured center to center are included. There are RCW trees in stewardship areas 1 & 2 where the work season will be restricted within 200' of the cavity trees to the period outside of the nesting season, which is March 1 – June 30. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint; the boundaries of the stewardship work areas are flagged with pink ribbon.

SPECIAL PRODUCT DESIGNATION: This sale contains a special product designation, *Pine Non-saw*, with merchantability standards of 5.0" to 12.9" DBH, at least 10 feet in height to a top diameter of 4.0" DOB. Subsequently, the specifications for a *Pine Sawtimber* tree will be changed to 13.0" DBH and above, at least 12 feet in height to a top diameter of 7" DOB or a limiting merchantability factor, whichever comes first.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **December 31, 2019.**

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 7 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$2,750.09.**

ROADS:

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 3 miles of Forest Service roads W109B, D, E, G and W110I prior to hauling. The work includes placing 250 tons of Winn Rock on the roads. A cost allowance of **\$27,714.50** is

estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of **\$2.70** per CCF (approximately **\$26,780.70**) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$1,933.85 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

CONTRACTUAL SERVICE WORK: GT.9 of this contract requires performance of stewardship conservation projects. The KT-GT.9 provision describes the stewardship work to be done, which includes 294 acres of RCW Habitat Enhancement (RCWHE) work (see attached description of work). Proposals must contain a price and a technical proposal for the work (*see section "20 General" of the Prospectus for direction on submitting proposals*). Offerors must be prepared to do all the service work requested.

BEST VALUE AWARD: Offerors must submit a Technical Proposal (*see section "20 General" for direction on submitting a Technical Proposal and a Price Proposal (Bid Forms FS 2400-14BVU)*). The proposals will be evaluated by a Source Selection Team who will make a recommendation to the Contracting Officer. **The contract will be awarded based on BEST VALUE to the GOVERNMENT, not necessarily the BEST price.**

STEWARDSHIPS CREDITS: Contract clause ET.2.2 explains the acquisition and use of stewardship credits. Stewardship credits are earned and established when work described in KT-GT.9 has been performed and accepted. Earned stewardship credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits.

SHOW-ME TRIP: The District will conduct a show-me-trip for anyone interested in learning more about this contract and the specific requirements. Interested offerors should meet at the Wildlife Check Station at the intersection of US 167 and FS Road 556 at 9:00 a.m. on March 24, 2016.

All interested bidders should investigate the contract area and the sample contract prior to submission of offers, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact Barbara Poole at the District Office at (318) 628-4664 if you have any questions about this contract.

KT-GT.9# - STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Project Number 001: RCW Habitat Enhancement (RCWHE)

In RCWHE areas 1-3, outside of the 50' streamside buffer around protected streams shown on the Contract Area Map, sever all hardwood stems below 10.0 inches DBH, all pine stems below 5.0 inches DBH, and all sweetgum trees. Streamside zones and special areas are identified on the Contract Map with the symbol _._._. All trees designated for felling shall be completely severed from the stump. All severed trees that lean or lodge on nearby leave trees shall be removed and felled to lie completely on the ground. Trees that are felled will be cut as close to the ground as practical, but no higher than six inches from ground level on the uphill side of the tree.

Rubber-tired equipment must be used. The entire area shall be treated where equipment can safely maneuver. Equipment must meet OSHA standards.

Trees designated for felling treatment that occur adjacent to roads, firelines, streamside management zones, exclusion area, and trails will be felled away from those improvements. Slash that falls in ditches, roadways, or on any of the structures mentioned will be treated under KT-GT.7.

The boundary of the treatment area is flagged with pink flagging.

Trees or Other Vegetation Not to be Treated:

- Residual trees not designated for removal.

- All dogwoods (*Cornus florida*).

- Trees located along property boundary marked with red paint, signs, tags, blazes or other survey information.

- Boundary markers such as painted trees or flagging that mark unit boundaries, streamside zones, or exclusions and the trees contained within the exclusions.