



File Code: 2430
Date: July 19, 2016

Dear Prospective Bidder:

On September 2, 2016 at 10:00 AM, sealed offers will be opened in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters* in Vancouver, WA for the Bear STWD contract. This contract is located within T. 14 N., R. 7 E., Sections 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 29; T. 14 N., R. 8 E., Sections 17 and 18; W.M., Surveyed, Lewis County, Washington. Contract Form FS-2400-13T will be used. The termination date for this contract is December 31, 2020.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of two (2) mandatory stewardship projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. All mandatory stewardship work items shall be performed. 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.

There is 2.09 miles of specified road reconstruction. A specified road reconstruction cost of \$74,250.00 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work. This is the nonpublic works cost for road reconstruction; the cost above includes the Deposit for Reconstruction Engineering Services.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity in this contract is 16,339 CCF. 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

Mandatory Timber Cutting Units:							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir	Sawtimber	CCF	10,233.00	14.2"	\$42.25	\$1.00	\$1.12	\$7.45
Western Hemlock and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	CCF	5,795.00	11.6"	\$26.40	\$1.00	\$1.12	\$7.45

Minimum Acceptable Total Offer for Mandatory Timber Cutting Units: **\$585,332.25**

Only the Fixed Rate Applies:

All Species	Gm Bio CV	CCF	311.00	N/A	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$1.12	\$7.45
	TOTAL	CCF	16,339.00				\$18,299.68	\$121,725.55

PRE-OFFER MEETING: A pre-offer conference will be held for prospective offerors at 10:00 AM local time on August 9, 2016 at the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District 10024 US Highway 12, Randle, WA 98377. 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

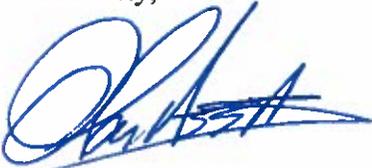


submit Alternate Technical Proposals for this project. However, the Contractor must submit a Technical Proposal that addresses the evaluation criteria as stated in addition to submitting the alternate proposal.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus and bid form go to <http://www.fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot/> or please write to Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682, or call Roy Shelby at 503-668-1458.

*The Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters have moved from the location at 51st Circle. Offers may be dropped off in person at the new location by appointment only, call Mike McMillen (360) 891-5187 to schedule appointment and for address or Offer may be mailed to the old address: Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Sincerely,



Gar Abbas
District Ranger