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Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at Klamath Falls Office, 2819 Dahlia St., Suite A, Klamath Falls, OR, 97601 no later than 10:00 AM local time on or before September 9, 2016 for the Ridge Stewardship Contract. This contract is located within T. 30 S., R. 9 E.; Sec 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36; T. 31 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 14 and 15; W.M. Surveyed, Klamath County, Oregon. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is Dec 31, 2019.

PRE-OFFER MEETING: A pre-offer conference will be held for prospective offerors at 9:00 a.m. August 1, 2016 at the junction of Silver Lake Road and Military Crossing Road in Klamath County, Oregon. 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.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of Three Mandatory and One Optional Stewardship projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Fremont-Winema National Forest. The 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. The mandatory and optional projects are shown below:

| Project # | Mandatory or Optional (M or O) | Project Description | Unit of Measure | Quantity |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|----------|
| 001 | M | Marking of Large Clumps of Trees | Acres | 3123 |
| 002 | M | Cut, Skid and Deck | Acres | 151 |
| 003 | M | Riparian conifer removal and piling of created slash | Acres | 24 |
| 004 | O | Cut, Skid and Deck | Acres | 633 |

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity in this contract is 87,585.00 Tons. The Forest Service encourages potential Offeror 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

| Species | Product | Unit of Measure | Estimated Quantities | Average DBH | Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates | Base Rates | Required Deposits | |
|---|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | | Slash Disposal | Road Maintenance |
| Lodge Pole and Other Coniferous Species | Sawtimber | Ton | 4,867.00 | 11.6 | \$9.10 | .29 | .88 | 0.00 |
| Ponderosa Pine | Sawtimber | Ton | 82,718.00 | 13.9 | \$9.10 | | .88 | 0.00 |
| All Species | Grn Bio Cv | Ton | | | | | | |
| | Total | | 87,585.00 | | | | \$77,074.80 | 0.00 |

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$797,278.64 for biddable species.

Offerors are 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 Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the bidder whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantages to the Government. The Government may, when in its best interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

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 these contract, the prospectus, bid form, bid amendment, and the Stewardship projects, please write or call the Chiloquin Ranger District, 38500 Highway 97 N, Chiloquin, OR (541-783-4001), or the Fremont-Winema N.F. Supervisors Office, 1301 S G St., Lakeview, OR (541-947-6249), or the Klamath Falls Office, 2819 Dahlia St., Suite A, Klamath Falls, OR (541-883-6714), or calling the Contracting Officer Judd Lehman at 541-891-1202. A copy of the bid form, bid amendment form, prospectus, sample contract, and contract area map may be viewed on the Forest's webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema>. Additionally, the shapefiles for the Subdivision Boundaries are available upon request at the numbers and addresses listed above.

Sincerely,

*/S/ JUDD LEHMAN
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Contracting Officer*