

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

N. CAT C-2 & 5 STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT
Catahoula Ranger District

THIS IS A STEWARDSHIP END RESULTS 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 September 9, 2016. This is a Best Value Offer Contract and award will be based on a combination of price and technical performance.

LOCATION: The Contract Area is located approximately fifteen (15) miles north of Pollock, LA in T8N, RIW, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10; and T9N, RIW, Section 34 of Grant Parish.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The Contract Area consists of about 1,606 acres, of which an estimated 605 acres are designated for cutting. The contract contains 13 Payment Units, all of which are marked thinning units. There are no RCW trees to be protected in the Contract Area. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be December 31, 2020.

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 Offeror will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 12.25 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Offeror 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 \$4,147.34.

ROADS:

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Offeror will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 10.82 miles of Forest Service roads 130, 131, 168, C002C, C002D, C002H, C005E, C005F, C005H, C005K, and C005P prior to hauling. The work includes placing 1425 tons of Winn Rock and 990 C.Y. of Pit Run on these roads. A cost allowance of \$120,142.87 is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective offerors. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Offeror will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of \$1.53 per CCF (approximately \$12,893) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber.

Additionally, a cost allowance for Offeror required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$1,358 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 186 acres of Red-cockaded Woodpecker Habitat Enhancement (RCWHE). 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 of the service work required.

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 Catahoula Ranger District office, 5325 LA Hwy 8, Bentley, LA, at 9:00A.M. on August 25, 2016.

All interested bidders should investigate the Contract Area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber contract. Please contact Alvin Wells at the District Office at (318) [765-3554](tel:765-3554) ext-203 if you have any questions about this contract.

KT-GT.9# - STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Project Number 001: RCW Habitat Enhancement (RCWHE)

In RCWHE areas 1-5 (within PU-5,6,7,8, & 9), sever all hardwood stems between 1 - 5.9 inches DBH and pine stems between 1 - 4.9 inches DBH.

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.

The machine will cover the entire area except for protected areas, such as RCW trees, streamside zones, etc. or as specified by the COR or Inspector.

Rubber-tired equipment must be used.

Equipment must meet OSHA standards.

Trees designated for felling treatment that occur adjacent to roads, firelines, fences, streamside management zones, exclusion area, waterholes, and trails will be felled away from those structures. Slash felled in ditches, roadways, or on any of the structure mentioned will be removed.

All trees designated for felling treatment will be completely severed from the stump.

All severed trees that lean or lodge on nearby leave trees shall be removed and felled completely to the ground.

Contractor shall use every precaution necessary to prevent damage to trees not specified for treatment.

Trees or Other Vegetation Not to be Treated –

Crop trees designated for retention.

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.