

The Plumas National Forest is soliciting competitive offers for the **Smith IRTC Stewardship**. Smith IRTC Stewardship is located within all or portions of T.22N. R13E sections 4 and 5; T.23N. R13E sections 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33. **Sealed – “Best Value” offers will be received at the Plumas National Forest Supervisor's Office, 159 Lawrence St. Quincy, CA 95971, on September 22nd 2016 at 10:00 AM local time**, for an estimated 6,287 CCF (3.1 MMBF) of sawtimber marked or otherwise designated for cutting on 965 acres and one mandatory stewardship project and 3 optional stewardship project. Stewardship projects are: Mandatory Item 001: Cut, Skid, and Deck standing live conifer trees 3” dbh -10.9” dbh along with all tops and limbs from sawtimber material on 965 acres. Optional Item 002: required recontouring of excavated bench skid trails if purchaser chooses to construct on an estimated +/- 1 mile of trail outside of RCAs/SMZs unless approved by Hydrologist specialist. Optional Item 003: Chipping of all conifer material including limbs and tops of sawlogs decked in landings and hauling chipped material to nearest biomass power plant and/or disposal site approved by the Forest Service. Optional Item 004: Hand Thin/Grapple Pile on 117.5 acres following the removal of sawtimber.

The Forest Service will evaluate competitive offers submitted by offerors who present a price offer and technical proposal according to the information found under the section in the offer titled “Instructions to Offerors.” Evaluation factors for this project are organizational experience, organizational past performance, local community economic enhancement (including small business enhancement), understanding the Government’s requirements, and price. One award will be made to the offeror whose proposal is technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the “best value” to the Government. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all offers. A prospectus is available to the public and interested offerors from the offices listed below. Information concerning the timber and stewardship projects specific to this project, and submission of offers is available to the public from the District Ranger, Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Rd, Blairsden, CA 96013 or at:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/resources/plumas/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>.

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