



File Code: 2450

Date: September 29, 2016

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at the Olympic National Forest Supervisors Office, (1835 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia, WA 98512) no later than 10:00AM local time on or before November 15, 2016 for the H to Z Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in T30N, R11W, Sections 32, 33 W.M. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is October 31, 2018.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of four (4) restoration service type projects to improve ecological conditions within the Olympic 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.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 7,910 TONS. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders 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
Western Hemlock and other species	Sawtimber	Ton	7,910	14.7	26.61	0.31	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL		7,910				0.00	0.00

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$210,485.10 for biddable species.

Bidders 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 a 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 advantageous to the Government. **The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in offers received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Offeror, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.**

PRE-OFFER MEETING: A pre-offer conference will be held for prospective offerors at 9:00a.m. on October 14, 2016, at the Pacific Ranger District, Forks Office (437 Tillicum Lane, Forks, WA 98331). The purpose of the meeting is to go through the Integrated Resource Timber Contract, explain the Best Value award process and requirements for both 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, offer form, and the restorative service projects, please write or call the Olympic National Forest Supervisors Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia, WA 98512, (360-956-2300) or Ray Hershey, phone 360-956-2275 or go to the Forests' webpage at "<http://www.fs.fed.us.usda.gov/olympic>".

Sincerely,



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