

The Eldorado National Forest is soliciting competitive offers for the Blacksmith Forest Health Stewardship Project. The Blacksmith Forest Health Stewardship Project is located within T.12.N., R.13.E., T.13.N., R.12.E., T.13.N., R.13.E., T.14.N., R.12.E., T.14.N., R.13. E., M.D.B&M. Sealed – “Best Value” offers will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office at 2:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, November 3, 2016 for an estimated 53,941 TON of sawtimber marked or otherwise designated for cutting on 1470 acres and six Mandatory Stewardship projects. The Mandatory Project #1 is Small Tree Thinning and Removal on 1388 acres, Project #2 Brush Cutting and Machine Piling on 1254 acres, Project #3 Brush Cutting and Grapple Piling on 20 acres, #4 Machine Piling on 26 acres, #5 Grapple Piling by the Hour - 25 Hours, #6 Machine Piling by the hour – 25 Hours. Sale contains specified roads with an estimated public works construction cost of \$493,874.01. Bidders qualifying as small business concerns under the Small Business Act may, when submitting a bid, elect for the Forest Service to build permanent roads. Additional information concerning this option is in the prospectus. 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 technical approach, capability and past performance, utilization of local workforce, 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. You may review prebid documents at our website: [www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado](http://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado). 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, Georgetown Ranger District, 7600 Wentworth Springs Road, Georgetown, CA 95634 or the Forest Supervisor, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, California 95667. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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