

**Date:** October 29, 2018

Dear Prospective Bidder,

On 11/28/2018, at 11:00 AM, sealed bids will be opened at the Laurentian Ranger District Office located in Aurora, MN for the Linwood Stewardship Contract located in Township 56 North, Range 14 West, Sections 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33 & 34 of St. Louis County, Minnesota. An Integrated Resource Contract 2400-13T will be used.

The termination date for this contract will be 07/15/2022.

The estimated timber quantities for this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 4,491 CCF.

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Advertised Rates	Road Maintenance Deposit
Paper Birch	Saw	CCF	350.00	\$7.07	\$4.24
White Spruce	Saw	CCF	61.00	\$17.51	\$4.24
Aspen	Pulp	CCF	1,662.00	\$23.21	\$4.24
Spruce	Pulp	CCF	139.00	\$13.89	\$4.24
Paper Birch	Pulp	CCF	1,897.00	\$2.57	\$4.24
Balsam Fir	Pulp	CCF	382.00	\$2.50	\$4.24
	TOTAL	CCF	4,491		\$19,041.84



In addition, within the sale area an un-estimated volume of Mixed Conifer and Mixed Hardwood Biomass, Mixed Conifer and Mixed Hardwood Pulpwood as well as Conifer Sawtimber will be offered as timber subject to agreement that the bidder may agree to remove at a fixed rate. Pulpwood and Sawtimber being offered as timber subject to agreement consists primarily of mixed hardwoods. The timber subject to agreement unit locations have been designated on Contract Area Map. The Linwood Stewardship Project also includes 1 mandatory stewardship service item of road work. Detailed work requirements are located within KT- GT.9#, which is included within the sale package for review. Bids will be evaluated on a best value basis to the government. The successful bidder will be evaluated based on their technical proposal describing how mandatory stewardship service work will be completed as well as a Rate per Unit bid on each stewardship service work item and an Offer Rate bid for included timber within mandatory cutting units.

The Laurentian Ranger District timber staff will be available to prospective bidders that would like more information and guidance on filling out the technical proposal for this Stewardship Contract. If you would like further information on this project, please write or call the Laurentian Ranger District, 318 Forestry Rd, Aurora, MN 55705. (218)-229-8800.

Sincerely,



Ann Niesen

District Ranger