

LEGAL NOTICE

NORTON STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The Norton Stewardship Project is located within, T45N-R44W, S. 3, 4, 9 & 10; T46N-R44W, S. 33 & 34, Gogebic County, Michigan. The Forest Service will receive bids at the Watersmeet & Iron River Ranger District office at 1:00 PM local time (CT) on March 31, 2015 for a combination of timber and stewardship service work items associated with the stewardship project. Timber to be cut within the project area includes an estimated 59 CCF Mixed Conifer sawtimber; 49 CCF Mixed Hardwood sawtimber; 195 Red & White Pine sawtimber; 554 CCF Sugar Maple sawtimber; 735 CCF Aspen pulpwood; 85 CCF Mixed Conifer pulpwood; 4,981 CCF MH pulpwood; and, 157 CCF Pine Pulpwood that is marked or otherwise designated for cutting. Mandatory service work includes: Felling/Girdling 198 trees within 57 acre area, Constructing 7 Brushpiles in 2 Payment Units, and Decommissioning 4 segments of roads with Slash/Debris. Optional service work includes: Aspen Site Preparation on 40 Acres and 131 Acres of Hardwood Gap Cleaning. A Pre-Bid tour is scheduled for March 24, 2015 at 9:30 AM CT at the intersection of Dunham Rd and FR 8100. Snowmobiles may be needed to access the Contract Area. Stewardship Project specifications will be reviewed and copies of the specifications and Sample Contract will be available.

Bids will be evaluated on a Best Value Basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship service work will be completed, as well as a per Unit Rate Value bid for the timber and per unit rate for completing each stewardship service work item. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A prospectus, bid form, blank technical proposal form, blank past performance form and complete information concerning the timber, the service work required in this contract, and the process to submit bids is available to the public from the Watersmeet & Iron River Ranger District office, E23979 US 2 East, Watersmeet, MI, 49969, (906) 358-4551, or at www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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