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Dear Interested Party:

On May 5, 2015, the Forest Service received no bids for the Red Extra Stewardship Contract. We have determined that there is competitive interest in this contract and are re-advertising it. No changes to the contract terms have been made.

On June 9, 2015, until 10:00 AM, sealed bids will be accepted at the St. Ignace Ranger District, W1900 West US-2, St. Ignace, MI 49781 for the re-advertised Red Extra Stewardship Contract.

This contract consists of Opening Maintenance (T45N-R5W Sec. 1 and 2; T46N-R5W Sec. 35 and 36, in Chippewa County, Michigan), timber harvest which includes Site Preparation for Natural Regeneration (T47N-R3W, Sections 21, 22 and 28, Chippewa County, Michigan), and the replacement of the Sweiger Creek culvert on FR3132 (T45N-R4W, Section 18, in Chippewa County, Michigan). This is a Stewardship Contract and Integrated Resource Timber Contract 2400-13T will be used. The termination date for this contract is December 31, 2020.

The key goals of stewardship contracting include managing vegetation to promote healthy forest stands, reestablish native plant species, restore or maintain water quality, and improve fish and wildlife habitat. The Hiawatha National Forest is proposing a stewardship contract that will use the value from the Red Extra Timber Sale for the following stated service work.

- Opening Maintenance project to restore a barrens ecosystem.
- Site Preparation for Natural Regeneration in canopy gaps within northern hardwood stands.
- Replacement of the Sweiger Creek culvert on Sweiger Creek Road to improve aquatic organism passage, improve water quality and restore fish and wildlife habitat.

This Integrated Resource Timber Contract integrates the exchange of goods (timber) for predetermined services through Stewardship Credits. This contract will be defined by work items (M#) Opening Maintenance (M1), Site Preparation for Natural Regeneration (M2, M3, M4, M5) and Sweiger Creek Culvert Replacement (M6) and present the value of work to be performed by the Contractor in exchange for some of the timber value. As the "Stewardship Work Item" is completed, "Stewardship Credits" are earned and credited to the Contractor. Although money will be collected from the Contractor for the difference in value of timber cut and the value of service work performed, this program emphasizes trading goods for predetermined services.

The estimated quantities of timber in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 5297 CCF. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Rates Per Unit of Measure: Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Mandatory Timber Cutting Units :							
Aspen	Sawtimber	CCF	128.00	$1.19	$15.96	$0.00	$0.62
Mixed Conifer	Sawtimber	CCF	163.00	$1.45	$36.29	$0.00	$0.62
Mixed Hardwood	Sawtimber	CCF	113.00	$1.66	$53.72	$0.00	$0.62
Red Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	2,528.00	$2.17	$94.45	$0.00	$0.62
Sugar Maple	Sawtimber	CCF	20.00	$2.17	$94.09	$0.00	$0.62
Aspen	Pulpwood	CCF	214.00	$1.19	$16.00	$0.00	$0.62
Mixed Conifer	Pulpwood	CCF	133.00	$1.58	$47.13	$0.00	$0.62
Mixed Hardwood	Pulpwood	CCF	1,422.00	$1.27	$21.86	$0.00	$0.62
Red Pine	Pulpwood	CCF	576.00	$2.05	$84.94	$0.00	$0.62
	Total	CCF	5,297.00			$0.00	$3,284.14

Stewardship Schedule of Work Items

Item Number (a)	Work Activity Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
Mandatory Stewardship Work Items :			
M1	Opening Maintenance	Acres	230.00
M2	Site Preperation For Natural Regeneration Unit-02	Acres	58.40
M3	Site Preperation For Natural Regeneration Unit-06	Acres	55.20
M4	Site Preperation For Natural Regeneration Unit-07	Acres	109.30
M5	Site Preperation For Natural Regeneration Unit-08	Acres	78.00
M6	Sweiger Creek Culvert Replacement	Each	1.00

The complete solicitation package is available on the Hiawatha National Forest's webpage (http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/hiawatha/landmanagement) under the heading Timber Sales and Stewardship Contracts. This includes a sample contract with technical specifications and drawings, as well as the solicitation (bid) form and technical proposal form.

A technical proposal is a required submission with the solicitation.

If you wish further information on this contract, the solicitation and bid form, please write or call the St. Ignace Ranger District Office or Martha Sjogren at 906-643-7900 ext. 117.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure