



File Code: 2430

Date: May 12, 2015

Dear Prospective Bidder:

Sealed offers will be accepted until **10:00 am on June 16, 2015** at the **Forest Supervisor's Office, 2221 North Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904**, for the **Compartment 52 GCTC RCW Habitat Enhancement Stewardship Project**. This contract is located in Compartment 52 of the Sam Houston National Forest approximately 4 miles southwest of New Waverly, Walker County, Texas. It embraces a gross contract area of 400 acres of which 212 acres contain timber to be cut and removed and service work to be performed (See enclosed Vicinity Map).

As part of this contract, pre-haul road maintenance is required with an estimated cost of **\$20,747.50**. The advertised rates for the included timber in this sale were adjusted to reflect the estimated cost of this work. Please review the timber sale prospectus and sample contract for specific information concerning required roadwork.

Due to Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) clusters, the use of NFSR 233 for timber removal will not be allowed during the general nesting season. The general nesting season begins April 1st and ends no later than July 31st.

The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to inspect the sale area and make their own estimate of the timber volume prior to submitting bid. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty or guarantee of the accuracy of the following estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Estimated Quantities	Unit of Measure	Advertised Minimum Bid Rates	Road Mtce. Deposit Required
Southern Yellow Pine	Sawtimber	2,362	CCF	\$ 72.29	\$1.94/CCF
Hardwood	Sawtimber	47	CCF	\$ 15.06	\$1.94/CCF
Softwood - Other	Pulpwood	1,011	CCF	\$ 3.00	\$1.94/CCF
Hardwood	Pulpwood	198	CCF	\$ 4.79	\$1.94/CCF
Total		3,618	CCF		

Listing of Stewardship Project Work

<u>Work Item #</u>	<u>Mandatory/Optional</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Units of Measure</u>
01	Mandatory	Stands 4, 12, 20, 24, & 29	Mechanical Treatment of Midstory Vegetation (Mechanical Mulching)	99 Acres
02	Mandatory	Near Intersection of NFSR 233 and 233 A as marked on the ground and map.	Remove existing Gate Structure. Construct and install pipe gate/wings at designated locations. See Exhibit for detailed plans/specifications.	1 Gate Structure



03	Mandatory	Near Intersection of NFSR 233 and 233 D as marked on the ground and map.	Remove existing Gate Structure. Construct and install pipe gate/wings at designated locations. See Exhibit for detailed plans/specifications.	1 Gate Structure
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Note: Under Projects #02 & #03, gate location also includes twenty one (21) feet of wings on each side of the gate.

NO OFFER GUARANTEE IS REQUIRED FOR BIDDING ON THIS PROJECT.

NOTE: NFSR 233 A and 233 D provide access to the contract area and are controlled by combination locked gates. Please contact the Sam Houston Ranger District, telephone (936) 344-6205 to obtain the lock combination.

Offeror's should review Section 20, General, on pages 5, 6 and 7 of the prospectus. This section provides instructions for the submission of technical and price proposals.

If you wish further information on this timber sale, the prospectus, or the bid form, please write or call the Forest Supervisor, National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, 2221 North Ragueta, Lufkin, Texas 75904, telephone (936) 639-8501; or the Sam Houston District Ranger at 394 FM 1375 West, New Waverly, Texas, 77358, telephone (936) 344-6205; or check our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/texas/>. Click on "Timber Sales" listed under Quick Links menu located in the upper right section of the page.

Sincerely,

James S. Crooks

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Contracting Officer

Enclosures