

INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER CONTRACT PROSPECTUS

Stewardship Contract Name :	East Wedge Stewardship	Type of Contract :	Scaled
National Forest :	Colville	Ranger District :	Three Rivers
Bidding Method :	Sealed Bid		
Location to Receive Offers :	Colville National Forest, Supervisor's Office		
Date :	07/13/2015	Time :	10:00 AM

1. INTRODUCTION. This prospectus furnishes prospective offerors with information not contained in the published advertisement and is designed to enable offerors to decide whether or not to further investigate this stewardship project. The prospectus is not a legally binding document, but is offered to provide general information about a Stewardship Contract. The prospectus does not include descriptions, estimates, and other data that are contained in the sample contract, unless otherwise stated. In the event that the prospectus contains an error or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Offerors are urged to examine the contract and make their own estimates. Contract 2400-13 will be used. Inspect the contract area and the sample contract before submitting an offer. Obtain the appraisal, other information on the contract and stewardship work items and conditions of offering at Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement.

This is a Stewardship End Results Contract authorized by 16 U.S.C. 2104 Note.

2. OFFERING. This is a Sealed Bid Stewardship Contract. Offerors must submit sealed offers on prepared forms they can obtain from Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. The forms include instructions for offering and submission of the required certifications and technical proposals. The term "offer form" in this prospectus is the Bid for Integrated Resource Contract form. Also, the term "offeror" in this prospectus is identified as "offeror" in the Bid for Integrated Resource Contract form. **THE OFFERS WILL NOT BE PUBLICLY OPENED.**

The offeror is required to submit a technical and price proposal and comply with all other provisions stated on the offer form. The proposal should be practical and be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Contractor's ability to meet the requirements of the contract. Upon contract award, this technical proposal will become a binding part of the contract. See Section 21, General for instructions for preparation of technical proposals and evaluation factors for award.

3. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER. Refer to the sample contract and contract area map attached to the sample contract for legal location of contract area, location of subdivisions, location of cutting units, the acreage of contract area, the cutting unit acreage and location of stewardship work activities.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOCATION, ROUTES OF ACCESS, ACREAGES, AND OTHER SPECIAL LOCATION DATA DO NOT SUPERSEDE THE CONTRACT AREA MAP OR SAMPLE CONTRACT.

The Contract Area is more or less located just south of the United States/Canada border, east of the Kettle River, and west of the Columbia River. The main route of access is USFS Road #1500000 and Road #1500180.

4. QUANTITIES AND RATES. The quality, size, cut per acre, and product suitability of the timber are estimates based on detailed cruise information on file and available for inspection at the Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. VOLUME QUANTITIES LISTED HEREIN ARE MADE AVAILABLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT VALUES SHOWN ARE FOREST SERVICE ESTIMATES AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED. For these reasons, offerors are urged to examine the contract area and make their own estimates.

Road Construction Costs. The estimated road construction cost has been included in the appraisal as a cost that the Contractor will incur. The Contractor will be responsible for the road construction cost and WILL NOT receive credit towards stumpage costs for this expense, i.e., THIS CONTRACT DOES NOT INCLUDE STEWARDSHIP CREDIT for the construction of specified roads and Contractors should consider the cost of specified road construction when developing their offers.

THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID RATE FOR THE MANDATORY TIMBER CUTTING UNITS IS STATED IN THE ATTACHED OFFER FORM. THESE RATES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF ADVERTISEMENT.

Mandatory 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 :							
Alpine Fir	Sawtimber	Ton	28,584.00	\$1.46	\$24.75	\$2.44	\$0.27
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	80,487.00	\$1.46	\$24.75	\$2.44	\$0.27
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species	Grn Bio Cv	Ton	18,974.00	\$1.46	\$24.75	\$2.44	\$0.27
		TOTAL	Ton	128,045.00		\$312,429.80	\$34,572.15

Optional 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
Not Applicable							

Total Value Bidding:

Prospective Contractors must submit bids for the timber portion of the contract in terms of the minimum acceptable total contract value. The Bid for Integrated Resource Contract (FS-2400-14BV) states minimum acceptable bid rates and estimated quantities of timber, together with the minimum acceptable total timber value. The advertised minimum acceptable total timber value is only for the biddable species, as listed on the offer form in the upper section of block 14. It does not include any non-biddable, fixed rate species listed in the middle section of block 14 titled "Only the Fixed Rate Applies." The offeror should enter the offer on the offer form only in terms of the total timber value. The Forest Service shall establish timber bid rates by species in the contract by multiplying each species' minimum acceptable bid rate by the bid increase percentage. Such rates will be rounded to the nearest cent. The bid increase percentage is the offeror's total timber value bid rate divided by the minimum acceptable total timber value. The total amount for stumpage is the volume of each biddable species multiplied by its bid rate, plus the volume of each fixed rate species multiplied by its fixed rate.

If the contract includes optional timber cutting units and offeror elects to bid on those units, bids for optional units are entered on the lower section of block 14. By entering bids for optional timber cutting units on the lower section of the offer form, offeror is agreeing to harvest the optional timber units. Procedures for distributing bid premium are as described in the previous paragraph and total timber value becomes the sum of mandatory and optional timber units.

Timber Subject to Agreement

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Fixed Rates	Slash Disposal Deposits	Road Maintenance Deposits
Miscellaneous	Grn Bio Cv	Ton	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.27

Estimated Knutson-Vandenberg deposit for contract area improvement work in a total amount of \$186,602.00 is included in total value.

All of the mandatory stewardship work items, as shown in A.4.3 or AT.4.4 of the sample contract, shall be performed. Optional stewardship work items, as shown in A.4.3 or AT.4.4 of the sample contract, shall be performed when authorized in writing by Contracting Officer. Such authorization may be for all or a portion of the quantity shown. Optional stewardship work items may be selected and authorized in any order. Upon written request of Contractor, additional stewardship work items shall be considered and authorized; however, Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship work items if three or more authorized optional stewardship work items or any of the mandatory stewardship work items remain uncompleted. Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship work items at any time if Contracting Officer determines that there is insufficient value of remaining designated timber to cover the

value of additional stewardship work items.

Stewardship Schedule of Work Items

Item Number (a)	Work Activity Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
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Mandatory Stewardship Work Items

001	Additional Marking to Meet Prescription	Acres	1,095.00
002	Subsoiling	Acres	20.00
003	Mastication Mechanical Understory Thinning	Acres	407.00
004	Site Prep Understory Thinning	Acres	292.00
005	Chainsaw Hand Understory Thinning	Acres	26.00

5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT. The normal operating season covers the period between 06/01 and 10/31 and between 01/01 and 03/01.

Contract termination date is 06/01/2019. Extensions of this contract may be granted only when the contractor has met specified conditions.

Upon acceptance by the Forest Service, the technical proposal is a binding part of the contract and shall include, but is not limited to, plan periods for and methods of work activities. The Contractor must also submit an annual schedule of operations before commencing operations. This schedule will include the anticipated major activities and needs for harvest. This annual schedule of operations does not require concurrence of the Forest Service.

6. PAYMENT. Payment for timber and any required deposits for slash disposal or road maintenance are required in advance of cutting. Contractor may earn stewardship credits or provide an acceptable payment guarantee prior to cutting. "Stewardship Credits" are credits that are earned and established when work described in K(T)-G(T).9# of the sample contract has been performed and accepted. Stewardship Credits shall be earned at the offer rate as shown in the awarded contract. Earned Stewardship Credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits. Base Rates and Required Deposits must be paid in cash.

If an offeror elects to have the Forest Service construct specified roads, the contract shall provide for collection of not less than the full estimated cost of the roads stated in this prospectus, in addition to the current contract rate value and required deposits. Contract Form FS-2400-13 provides for collecting the estimated public works road construction cost as timber is scaled, at a rate accelerated on 80 percent of the estimated volume.

If offeror elects the road option, payment for right-of-way timber will be made in advance of cutting. The timber will be decked by the road contractor and will be made available to the Contractor when notified by Forest Service of location and availability. If Contractor and road contractor agree, Contractor may cut and remove right-of-way timber as part of the specified road construction.

7. PERFORMANCE BOND. Not Applicable.

8. SPECIFIED ROADS. The Forest Service has determined that the following National Forest System roads shall be constructed or paid for, in whole or in part, by the Contractor. Sufficient information to permit a prospective offeror to calculate the likely cost to be incurred for road construction is available at the Forest Supervisor's Office. See the sample contract for verification of specific details and information concerning construction specifications. CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES AND INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, TOGETHER WITH RELATED SPECIFICATIONS, ARE NOT GUARANTEED. The following roads are those that Forest Service considers necessary to remove the timber from this contract.

Road Number	Road Name	Traffic Service Level	Approximate Miles/Kilometers	Estimated Road Construction Cost	Type of Work *
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1500150	1500150	D	1.5	2.41	\$5,545.85	R
1500160	1500160	D	0.51	0.82	\$2,429.53	R
1500162	1500162	D	0.48	0.77	\$2,149.18	R
1500172	1500172	D	0.62	1	\$2,782.15	R
1500175	1500175	D	0.13	0.21	\$598.76	R
1500198	1500198	D	1.19	1.92	\$14,770.82	R
1500200	1500200	D	0.35	0.56	\$1,613.40	R
1500208	1500208	D	0.54	0.87	\$4,290.14	R
1500240	1500240	D	0.45	0.72	\$1,982.19	R
1500270	1500270	D	0.32	0.51	\$2,227.01	R
1500294	1500294	D	0.51	0.82	\$2,385.16	R
1500308	1500308	D	0.09	0.14	\$2,972.47	R
1500310	1500310	D	0.23	0.37	\$911.08	R
1500312	1500312	D	0.55	0.89	\$6,816.54	R
1500371	1500371	D	0.71	1.14	\$9,829.14	R
1500400	1500400	D	0.95	1.53	\$9,823.06	R
1500404	1500404	D	1.1	1.77	\$5,508.49	R
1500405	1500405	D	0.14	0.23	\$629.29	R
1500406	1500406	D	0.88	1.09	\$4,452.90	R
1520020	1520020	D	1.95	3.14	\$17,138.64	R
1520022	1520022	D	0.51	0.82	\$2,735.78	R
1520024	1520024	D	0.37	0.6	\$1,661.56	R
1520026	1520026	D	0.56	0.9	\$3,800.99	R
1520028	1520028	D	0.25	0.4	\$2,961.61	R
1520028	1520028	D	0.31	0.5	\$2,351.79	R
1520036	1520036	D	0.03	0.05	\$138.00	R
1520060	1520060	D	1.8	2.9	\$11,508.65	R
1520060	1520060	D	0.71	1.14	\$3,836.57	R
1520150	1520150	D	0.35	0.56	\$2,080.07	R
1500190	BOWEN MTN	D	1.16	1.87	\$22,049.56	R
1500340	CHURCHILL JEEP TRAIL	D	0.25	0.4	\$1,277.34	R
1500210	HORNS MTN TRAIL	D	2.02	3.25	\$21,285.96	R

* C = Construction
R = Reconstruction

The required specified road completion date for all roads is 10/31/2016. If provision K(T)-F(T).1.3# - Road Completion Date has different dates for projects, this is the final road completion date.

Total estimated road construction cost allowed in appraisal is \$197,793.68

An offeror qualifying as a small business concern may elect to have the Forest Service construct the specified roads listed above. Completion dates for construction apply whether construction is performed by the Contractor or by the Forest Service. If the offeror elects Forest Service construction, it is the Forest Service's intent to perform construction through CONTRACT. The Forest Service shall not award the contract unless either it receives a satisfactory road construction bid or, if it fails to receive such a bid within 90 days of tentative award, the offeror agrees to perform road construction.

If Contractor elects Forest Service construction, the total estimated public works construction cost that would be paid in addition to current contract rates is \$189,519.98. See provision K(T)-E(T).1.2# - Amount Payable for Timber in the sample contract for additional information.

The following changes will be made to the sample contract when the Forest Service constructs specified roads:

A(T)3 - Timber Designations: "Specified Road Clearing" will be changed to "Construction Clearing" K-C.3.2.3

A(T)7 - Change the title to "Permanent Roads To Be Constructed by Forest Service."

A22 or AT19 - Make the following changes in A22 or AT19:

- Add K-C.3.2.3 - Construction Clearing.
- Add K-E.1.2# - Amount Payable for Timber.
- Add K-I.4.1 - Limitation of Performance by Other Than Contractor.

The estimated road construction cost includes the cost of road reconstruction engineering services, pursuant to Public Law 88-657, 78 Stat. 1089, 16 U.S.C. 532-537. Refer to provision K(T)-F(T).2.1.3# - Deposit for Reconstruction Engineering Services in the sample contract for additional information.

Contractor shall make a cash deposit in the amount \$23,250.00 for engineering services completed by Forest Service in preparation of this contract. The Forest Service shall complete reconstruction related engineering services on the following schedule:

Road or Facility Number	Termini From -To(MP or Sta.)	Engineering Services Completion Date
1500150	0 1.5	06/01/2015
1500160	0 .5	06/01/2015
1500162	0 .48	06/01/2015
1500172	0 .62	06/01/2015
1500175	0 .13	06/01/2015
1500190	.77 1.93	06/01/2015
1500198	0 1.19	06/01/2015
1500200	0 .35	06/01/2015
1500208	0 .54	06/01/2015
1500210	0 2.02	06/01/2015
1500240	0 .45	06/01/2015
1500270	0 .32	06/01/2015
1500294	0 .51	06/01/2015
1500308	0 .09	06/01/2015
1500310	0 .23	06/01/2015
1500312	0 .55	06/01/2015
1500340	0 .25	06/01/2015
1500371	0 .71	06/01/2015
1500400	0 .95	06/01/2015
1500404	0 1.1	06/01/2015
1500405	0 .14	06/01/2015
1500406	0 .68	06/01/2015
1520020	0 1.95	06/01/2015
1520022	0 .51	06/01/2015
1520024	0 .37	06/01/2015
1520026	0 .56	06/01/2015
1520028	0 .56	06/01/2015
1520036	0 .03	06/01/2015
1520060	0 2.51	06/01/2015
1520150	0 .35	06/01/2015

9. ROAD MAINTENANCE. Contractor shall perform or pay for road maintenance work, commensurate with Contractor's use, on roads controlled by Forest Service, and used by Contractor in connection with this contract. Road maintenance requirements are based on the predicted haul route. Any change in the Contractor's actual haul route may necessitate a change in the roads to be maintained and/or in the amount of required deposit for road maintenance. Required deposits for road maintenance are listed in provision K(T)-F(T).3.2# in the sample contract. Maintenance specifications are in the sample contract.

10. INAPPLICABLE STANDARD PROVISIONS. See sample contract.

11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. See sample contract.

12. SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS. Not Applicable.

13. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS. The contract requires domestic processing of included timber except for species declared to be surplus, and prohibits the use of such included timber in substitution for unprocessed private timber exported. The offeror, by signing the offer for advertised timber, certifies compliance with the applicable prohibitions against export and substitution prescribed in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620, et seq.) with each offer.

14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW. If the total contract value for this contract exceeds \$10 million, before award, the Forest Service shall request an equal employment opportunity compliance review of the Contractor to

determine compliance with the provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and Executive Order No. 12086 of October 5, 1978.

15. AWARD. The Contracting Officer is required to make a determination of Contractor responsibility as stated in Title 36, Section 223.101, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

To determine a Contractor to be responsible, a Contracting Officer must find that:

- a. The Contractor has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;
- b. The Contractor is able to perform the contract within the contract term taking into consideration all existing contracts and Governmental business commitments;
- c. The Contractor has a satisfactory performance record on similar type contracts. A prospective Contractor that is or recently has been seriously deficient in contract performance shall be presumed not to be responsible, unless the Contracting Officer determines that the circumstances were beyond the Contractor's control and were not created through improper actions by the Contractor or affiliate, or that the Contractor has taken appropriate corrective action. Past failure to apply sufficient tenacity and perseverance to perform acceptably under a contract is strong evidence that a Contractor is not responsible. The Contracting Officer shall consider the number of contracts involved and extent of deficiency of each in making this evaluation;
- d. The Contractor has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- e. The Contractor has or is able to obtain equipment and supplies suitable for completing the requirements of the contract;
- f. The Contractor is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

Offerors, by signing the offer form, certify that, to the best of offeror's knowledge, the offeror will meet the requirements in 36 CFR 223.101, determination of Contractor responsibility, and if awarded this contract, that offeror will complete the contract and any modifications thereof in accordance with its terms including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove included timber or forest products and complete stewardship projects by the termination date.

16. FALSE STATEMENTS ACT. Offerors, by signing the offer form, certify that they are aware that offeror is subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001, Chapter 47, Fraud and False Statements (P.L. 104-45). The Act states "whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

17. DAMAGES. This contract shall be terminated for breach if: 1) Contractor fails to execute this stewardship contract or furnish a satisfactory performance bond by the date required in the award letter, if required; or 2) offeror is found to have violated the False Statements Act in making any statement or certification on the offer form including not meeting responsibility requirements, and offeror has made a false statement.

18. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION. Non-procurement debarments and suspensions are governed by the Government-wide common rules (7 CFR 3017).

These rules require each contractor, to submit a certification for itself, its principals, and its affiliates when submitting an offer on stewardship contracts. The offeror must designate its status regarding debarment, suspension, and other matters as specified on the offer form. The offeror, by signing the offer, certifies this status. An explanation for not submitting a certification may be submitted. The Contracting Officer will determine whether the explanation provides sufficient reason for permitting participation in the competition. Also, as a Contractor enters into transactions with subcontractors, these subcontractors must certify their eligibility. The certification titled "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion" must be provided to subcontractors, but completed certifications are not required to be submitted with the offer. Contractor must keep these subcontractor certification forms on file for review by the Forest Service, if requested.

The certification forms and instructions for subcontractors transactions are provided as an addendum to the offer form.

19. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) REGULATIONS. Conduct of operations on this contract is subject to compliance with all OSHA requirements related to the various work activities. Inspection by OSHA may include inspection for compliance with the logging operations regulations at 29 CFR 1910.266. This standard is applicable to the entire logging industry

wherever logging operations occur. Information is available to assist Contractors to ensure compliance with the logging operations regulations during conduct of this contract from the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, 505 106th Avenue NE, Suite 302, Bellevue, Washington 98004, (425) 450-5480.

20. GENERAL. Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS, Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status For Corporate Applicants. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Forest Service office shown on page 1 of this prospectus or electronically at:
<http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/forms-management/approved-computer-generated-forms>.

EXCISE TAX: This sale is subject to the Washington State Tax. For information, contact the WA Department of Revenue, Olympia, WA, 1-800-548-8829.

OFFEROR'S REQUIREMENTS: The offer form contains certification requirements which must be met or your offer will be declared non-responsive. Each offeror must enter their Tax Identification Number (or Social Security Number if the bidder does not have a Tax ID) on the offer form in the block provided. All personal information is requested on a voluntary basis. However, if not provided, your offer will not be accepted and the sale will not be awarded to you.

CONTRACT TERMINATION: Included in the stewardship contract are standard provisions 1.3.4 and 1.3.5 which limit the United States liability in the event of a contract cancellation to protect endangered and sensitive species.

OPERATIONS: This contract has seasonal operating restriction requirements. All Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, grand fir, and lodgepole pine beetle infested logs cut in one season shall be removed from the Contract Area prior to April of the following spring. In Subdivisions 2, 15, 18, falling yarding operations are required on 8 inches of compact snow and/or frozen ground or Cut-to-length/Forwarder system on uncompacted slash mat of 8 inches. In Subdivisions 3, 38, 50, 69, falling and yarding operations on 8 inches of compact snow, or 8 inches of compact snow and /or frozen ground.. No hauling, harvest, or moving of equipment can occur on the following weekends: Memorial Day, July 3-5, and Labor Day on the entire Contract Area. K-G.3.1.5#

TIMBER SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT: Final utilization specifications for Biomass material will be determined as part of the agreement to include the removal in the contract.

All temporary roads and landings will be scarified to a depth of 4 inches (not 20 inches that is stated in K-G.6.0#) and seeded. The Contractor will be required to pay a Co-op deposit of \$0.02/ton for the cultivation and harvest of replacement native seeds for use on future contracts.

Contractor will be charged fifteen dollars (\$15) per load for processing scaling tickets by the Forest Service unless the Contractor elects a Third Party to perform this service. Any load for which no weight ticket is furnished shall be considered a lost load with an assigned weight equal to the weight of the heaviest load presented during the billing period. See special provision K-G.8.5.1 - Weight of Loss Loads

Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include Form AD-3030-FS representations regarding felony convictions and tax delinquent status for corporate applicants.

Section 434 (TAX Delinquency Provision): None of the funds made available by this contract by this Act may be used to enter into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a grant to, or provide a loan or guarantee to any corporation with respect to which any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless the agency has considered suspension of department of the corporation and made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interest of the Government.

EQUIPMENT CLEANING: Contractor is required to clean all off-road equipment to be free of soil invasive species of concern prior to bringing the equipment onto the contract area. G.3.5

The Government may, when in its best interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be further deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

The evaluation criteria used to evaluate technical proposals are listed in the "Instructions of Offerors" attached to the SOLICITATION AND OFFER FOR INTEGRATED RESOURCE CONTRACT, FS-2400-14BV. Included in Evaluation Criteria (iii) UTILIZATION OF LOCAL FORCE will be the requirement of the contractor to prepare a response to "Benefits to Communities Within the Defined Local Area."

Green Biomass CV as listed in A.2 is defect in the tree or sawlog that does not meet utilization for saw log merchantability standards, and all tops of saw timber from 5" to 3" top dib. Defect includes sweep, crook, forks, and cruising deductions for insect damage, frost cracks, and root disease.

A sign that meets MUTCD standards, to include being retro-reflective, will be used for any activity (that requires a traffic control sign) that will occur before dawn and after dusk.

Offeror's must submit a proposal that meets all requirements specified in the sample contract. No alternate proposals will be accepted.

Contract information and bidding documents can be found on the Colville Forest website at:
<http://fs.usda.gov/resources/colville/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>.

PRE-OFFER MEETING: A PRE-OFFER conference will be held for the prospective offerors on June 9, 2015 at 1:00 PM, at the Three Rivers Ranger District in Kettle Falls, WA. The purpose of this meeting is to go through the Integrated Resource Timber Contract, explain the Best Value award process and requirements for both the price and technical proposals, and explain/review the requirements of the stewardship restoration projects. A field trip to the contract area will occur proceeding the meeting upon request of those in attendance.

SUBMISSION OF OFFERS: Offers must be submitted to the Contracting Officer at or prior to the time for receipt of offers. Such offers, and required copies, must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the receiving officer. The envelope should show on the outside (a) that it is a "Best Value Offer", and (b) the contract name and the date and time of offer closing, as shown by the offer form. Offers received after the time specified on the form are late offers. In addition to the required paper copies of the Technical Proposal, contractors are also requested to send a copy of their Technical Proposal to the Contracting Officer by the due date and time for proposals. E-mail srinke@fs.fed.us

Technical Proposal: Use the R-6 Technical Proposal Template for IRTC (word documents, docx). The technical proposal submitted shall not exceed 30 pages.

The successful offeror shall register in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov

NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES: The following items in Section 20. GENERAL of the prospectus are to be disregarded by the prospective bidders; INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE TECHNICAL AND PRICE PROPOSALS; EVALUATION, NEGOTIATION, AND AWARD PROCESS; and EVALUATION CRITERIA. Please refer to the "Region 6 Technical Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract" for current requirements in completing technical and price proposals for best value bidding.

The successful offeror shall register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at www.ccr.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL AND PRICE PROPOSALS

(a) General Instructions. Proposals submitted shall be furnished in the following format with the numbers of copies as specified below.

(1) - The proposal must include a technical proposal and price proposal. Each of the parts shall be separate and complete so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently from evaluation of the other. The technical proposal must not contain reference to cost.

(2) - Offerors may, at their discretion, submit alternate proposals or proposals which deviate from the requirement; provided, that an offeror also submit a proposal for performance of the work as specified in the statement of work. Any "alternate" proposal may be considered if overall performance would be improved or not compromised, and if it is in the best interest of the Government. Alternate proposals, or deviations from any requirement of this Request for Proposal (RFP), must be clearly identified.

OR

(2) Offerors must submit a proposal that meets all requirements specified in the sample contract. No alternate proposals will be accepted.

(3) - The Government will evaluate proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth below.

(4) - Offerors shall submit their proposal(s) in the following format and the quantities specified:

(i.) One copy of the completed, signed offer form FS-2400-14BV or FS-2400-14BVU provided by the Forest Service for this contract.

(ii.) Three copies of the technical proposal.

(iii.) One copy of the business/cost proposal.

(b) **Technical Proposal Instructions.** Technical proposals will be evaluated to determine the ability of the Contractor to meet the requirements of the Government. As a minimum, the proposal must clearly provide the following: See the attached Technical Proposal Form for the Evaluation Factors and Subfactors.

EVALUATION, NEGOTIATION AND AWARD PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated and rated to determine which offerors are within a competitive range, price and other factors considered. A award may be made without further negotiations. Proposals should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms that the offeror can submit to the Government, from both price and technical standpoints. However the Government may, after evaluation of proposals, conduct further oral or written discussions as appropriate, with all offerors whose proposals are within a competitive range. Proposals that do not address one or more criteria or subfactors, may not be considered further for award.

Firms lacking a past performance record (e.g., new firms or those with no relevant experience within their organization) will be treated as an unknown performance risk, receiving a neutral score in this criteria. A neutral score will be established as the average of all other competing offerors, or the average of the total score available, whichever is less.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation factors for this contract and their relative importance are listed below in descending order of priority. All subfactors within a factor are equal in weight.

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Approximate Weight</u>
A. Price	0%
B. Technical Approach	0%
1. Plan of Operations	
2. Quality Control	
3. Contract Manager and On-the-Ground Supervisor(s)	
4. Equipment	
5. Production Capability	
C. Capability and Past Performance	0%
1. Key Personnel	
2. Subcontractors	
3. Past Contacts	
D. Utilization of Local Workforce	0%
E. Other	100%

Percentages are no longer assigned to the evaluation. Please refer to the to the "Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract" to identify the evaluation criteria as either approximately equal in importance, or listed in descending order of importance.

Award Statement. One award will be made to the offeror (a) whose proposal is technically acceptable and (b) whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. All technical evaluation factors (B-D), when combined, are _____ price (A). The critical factor in making any technical/price trade-off is not the spread between the technical ratings, but rather the significance of that difference. The significance of the spread in ratings will be determined on the basis of what that difference might mean in terms of performance and what it would cost the Government to take advantage of it. Award may not necessarily be made for technical capabilities that would appear to exceed those needed for fulfilling the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to make cost/technical trade-offs that are in the best interest and to the advantage of the Government.

Price proposals will not be scored.

POSTAWARD DEBRIEFING OF OFFERORS

- (a) (1) An offeror, upon its written request received by the agency within 3 days after the date on which that offeror has received notification of contract award in shall be debriefed and furnished the basis for the selection decision and contract award.
- (2) To the maximum extent practicable, the debriefing should occur within 5 days after receipt of the written request.
- (3) An offeror that was notified of exclusion from the competition, but failed to submit a timely request, is not entitled to a debriefing.
- (4) (i) Untimely debriefing requests may be accommodated.
- (ii) Government accommodation of a request for delayed debriefing, or any untimely debriefing request, does not automatically extend the deadlines for filing protests. Debriefings delayed could affect the timeliness of any protest filed subsequent to the debriefing.
- (b) Debriefings of successful and unsuccessful offerors may be done orally, in writing, or by any other method acceptable to the Contracting Officer.
- (c) The Contracting Officer should normally chair any debriefing session held. Individuals who conducted the evaluations shall provide support.
- (d) At a minimum, the debriefing information shall include-
- (1) The Government's evaluation of the significant weaknesses or deficiencies in the offeror's proposal, if applicable;
 - (2) The overall evaluated cost or price (including unit prices) and technical rating, if applicable, of the successful offeror and the debriefed offeror, and past performance information on the debriefed offeror;
 - (3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during the source selection;
 - (4) A summary of the rationale for award;
 - (5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror; and
 - (6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions about whether source selection procedures contained in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed.
- (e) The debriefing shall not include point-by-point comparisons of the debriefed offeror's proposal with those of other offerors. Moreover, the debriefing shall not reveal any information prohibited from disclosure by Federal Acquisitions Regulations 24.202 or exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) including-
- (1) Trade secrets;
 - (2) Privileged or confidential manufacturing processes and techniques;
 - (3) Commercial and financial information that is privileged or confidential, including cost breakdowns, profit, indirect cost rates, and similar information; and
 - (4) The names of individuals providing reference information about an offeror's past performance.
- (f) An official summary of the debriefing shall be included in the contract file.

20. GENERAL

See A.4.3, and K-G.9# in the sample contract for more information.

Project #	Mandatory	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	Additional Marking to Meet Prescriptions	Acres	1,095
002	Subsoiling	Acres	20
003	Mastication Mechanical Understory Thinning	Acres	407
004	Site Prep Understory Thinning	Acres	292
005	Chainsaw Hand Understory Thinning	Acres	26

Table of Restricted Operating Periods Applicable to Timber Removal. 1/

Restriction 1/	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Potentially wet and/or unfrozen soils			X	X	X	X					X	
Winter season operating restrictions	X	X	X									X

1/ Refer to provisions K-G.3.1.5#, K-G.4.1# and K-G.4.2# in the sample contract for specific requirements.

Contractors are to submit as part of their proposals the number of copies included below;

Item Description	Number of Copies
Offer Form FS-2400-14BV signed by Contractor	1
Technical Proposal	5
Contractors are also to send an electronic copy of their Technical Proposal to the Contracting Officer by the due date and time for proposals. The email address is srinke@fs.fed.us	1

LOGGING SYSTEMS SUMMARY - EAST WEDGE STEWARDSHIP

Subdivision B.1	Acres	Logging System	Remarks
1	14	Cable	LTM
2	22	Tractor	DxPre
3	21	Tractor/CTL	LTM
4	16	Tractor/CTL	LTM
5	17	Tractor	DxPre
6	12	Tractor	DxPre
7	20	Tractor	DxPre
8	16	Tractor	DxPre
9	29	Tractor	LTM
10	37	Tractor	LTM
12	50	CTL/Forwarder	DxPre
15	81	Tractor	LTM
18	15	Tractor/Cable	DxPre
19	15	Tractor	LTM
20	12	Tractor	LTM
21	54	Tractor	DxPre
22	40	Tractor	DxPre
23	34	Tractor	DxPre
24	34	Tractor	DxPre
25	20	Tractor	DxPre
26	24	Tractor	DxPre
27	11	Tractor	DxPre
28	33	Tractor	LTM
29	63	Tractor	LTM
30	43	Tractor	DxPre
31	56	Tractor	DxPre
32	24	Tractor	DxPre
33	31	Tractor	DxPre
34	106	Tractor	DxPre

Subdivision B.1	Acres	Logging System	Remarks
35	74	Tractor	ITM
36	42	Tractor	DxPre
37	39	Tractor	DxPre
38	22	Tractor	DxPre
50	101	Tractor	LTM
54	9	Tractor	LTM
55	16	Tractor	DxPre
56	68	CTL/Forwarder	LTM
58	32	Tractor	LTM
59	59	Tractor	LTM
61	15	CTL/Forwarder	LTM
62	45	Tractor	LTM
64	10	Tractor	DxPre
65	45	Tractor	DxPre
69	22	Tractor	DxPre
70	154	Tractor	LTM
71	26	Tractor	LTM
72	233	Tractor	DxPre
98	25	Tractor	DxPre
370	12	Cable	DxPre

** Abbreviations- (LTM) Leave Tree Mark, (ITM) Individual Tree Mark, (CTL) Cut-To-Length.

The above listed logging systems were used by the Forest Service in calculating the stump-to-truck cost in the appraisal. However, the contractor is to include logging systems and yarding methods that will meet the end results as part of their Technical Proposal.