

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS
S.B.A. SET-ASIDE
Lookout Non-Saw (C-259)
Calcasieu R.D.

**Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA
on June 18, 2015 at 9:00 AM.**

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately Six (6) miles east of Pickering, LA in T1S R8W, Sections 2 & 3 of Vernon Parish. **It is in the Intensive Use Area of the Vernon Unit. All timber is considered bullet contaminated.**

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 265 acres, of which an estimated 223 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains four (4) Payment Units, all of which are designation by spacing thinning, which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees within 25 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it, and the larger tree is not designated for cutting. There are RCW trees in this sale in Payment Units 1 & 3 where the logging season will be restricted within 200' of the cavity trees to the period outside the nesting season, which is March 1 – June 30. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

SPECIAL PRODUCT DESIGNATION: This sale contains a special product designation, *Pine Non-saw*, with merchantability standards of 5.0" to 12.9" DBH, at least 10 feet in height to a top diameter of 4.0" DOB. Subsequently, the specifications for a *Pine Sawtimber* tree will be changed to 13.0" DBH and above, at least 12 feet in height to a top diameter of 7" DOB or a limiting merchantability factor, whichever comes first.

SBA SET-ASIDE: This is a Small Business Set-Aside sale, and award will be made to a self-certifying, qualified small business. Large business concerns may not bid on this sale at this time. Purchaser agrees that it will not sell or exchange more than 30 percent of the advertised sawtimber quantities to a concern that does not qualify as small business. In the event there are no qualified bidders on this SBA sale, the sale will be readvertised under normal procedures, and large business concerns may bid at that time.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **December 31, 2017.**

SAFETY-CONTAMINATED LANDS: The timber sale is located on lands formerly used by the Department of Defense as an impact area for a wide range of small, medium, and large munitions weapons. There is a possibility that this sale contains trees contaminated with shrapnel. The sample timber sale contract special provision CT6.33 Safety-Contaminated Lands and CT6.404 Conduct of Logging on Contaminated Lands, spell out the liabilities and obligations on the part of the purchaser. Prospective bidders are encouraged to inspect this provision prior to bidding.

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 3.25 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$1,463.18.**

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 1.82 miles of Forest Service roads 416-A and 421, prior to hauling. The work includes placing 900 tons of crushed aggregate on these roads. A cost allowance of **\$52,819.39** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: A cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$100.00 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 through 4, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet. Along road 405 (Tank Trail), slash disposal will be required for a distance of 50' from the edge of the clearing limit.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT: Anyone interested in cruising this sale prior to the bid opening must first gain access by calling Ft. Polk Range Control: (337) 531-5445.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 793-9427 if you have any questions about this sale.