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Reply to: 2430
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Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at Colville National Forest Supervisor's Office, 765 South Main, Colville WA., not later than 10:00 AM local time on or before August 3, 2015 for the Grizz Stewardship Contract. This contract area is located in T40N, R37E, Sections 34-35; T40N, R38E, Sections 29-32; T39N R37E Sections 1-4, 12; T39N, R38E Sections 6, 7, W.M., Stevens County, Washington. Contract Form FS-2400-13, will be used. The termination date for this contract is July 1, 2019.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of three (3) mandatory projects within the Colville National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor.

There are 7.07 miles (11.38 kilometers) of specified road reconstruction. A specified road reconstruction cost of $71,547.31 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 66,829 TONS. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates;

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

				Rates Per Unit of Measure			
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Mandatory Timber Cutting Units :							
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	56,907.00	$.86	$36.88	$1.83	$0.00
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species	Grn Bio Cv	Ton	9,922.00	$.86	$36.88	$1.83	$0.00
	TOTAL	Ton	66,829.00			$122,297.07	$0.00

A bid guarantee is not required.

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is $2,464,653.52 for biddable species.

Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Solicitation. Award will be made to the offeror whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. **The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in offers received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Offeror, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.**

PRE-OFFER MEETING: A pre-offer conference will be held for prospective offerors at 1:00 PM on July 7, 2015 at Three Rivers Ranger District, 255 West 11th, Kettle Falls, WA. The purpose of the 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.

Parties submitting a technical proposal are required to use the Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract in responding to included evaluation criteria.

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If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, solicitation, and the mandatory projects, please write the Three Rivers Ranger District Office, 255 West 11th, Kettle Falls, WA or call William Shook at 509-738-7769 or go to the forest's webpage at http://www.fs.usda.gov/resources/colville/landmanagement/resourcemanagement.

Sincerely,

Susan Rinke

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Contracting Officer