



Reply to: 2430  
Date: July 14, 2015

Dear Prospective Offeror:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters, 10600 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682 no later than 10:00 am local time on or before August 28, 2015 for the Lipo Thin Stewardship Contract. This contract is located within T. 6 N., T. 9 E., Sections 1, 2, 3, 12, and 13, T. 7 N., R. 9 E., Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36, W.M., Unsurveyed, Skamania County; T. 7 N., R. 11 E., Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9, W.M., Surveyed, Yakima County, Washington. Contract Form (FS-2400-13T) will be used. The termination date for this contract is September 30, 2021.

There are 2.92 miles (4.70 kilometers) of specified road reconstruction. A specified road reconstruction cost of \$15,046.00 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of four projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Gifford Pinchot 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.

Stewardship Work Items included in this contract:

**Mandatory Stewardship Work Items**

Item Number	Description	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity
001	Cold Springs Tree Planting	Acres	346
002	Installation of Geotextile Fabric	Task	1

**Optional Stewardship Work Items**

Item Number	Description	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity
003	Precommercial Thinning	Acres	364
004	Road Decommissioning and Closures	Each	4

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 12,767 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential offerors to make their own inspection and estimate prior to offer 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**

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous	Sawtimber	CCF	12,203.00	10.9"	\$33.56	\$1.00	\$1.16	\$1.36
Required Removal at Fixed Rates								
All Species	Grn Bio Cv	CCF	564.00	N/A	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$1.16	\$1.36
	TOTAL	CCF	12,767.00				\$14,809.72	\$17,363.12

A bid guarantee is not required.

Offerors 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 Offer Form. 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 10:00 am local time on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at the Mt Adams Ranger District, 2455 Highway 141, Trout Lake, 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 to use the Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract in responding to included evaluation criteria.

Offerors must submit a proposal that meets all requirements specified in the sample contract. Alternate proposals will also be accepted.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, offer form, and the restorative service project, please write or call the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682, (360-891-5001) or visit the Forest webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot/>.

Sincerely,

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