

Legal Notice**GAUTHIER STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

The Gauthier Stewardship Project is located in T49N-R39W, Sections 25, 26, 28, 35, and 36, Ontonagon County, Michigan. The Forest Service will receive bids at the Kenton Ranger District office at 2:00 PM local time (ET) on August 26, 2009 for a combination of timber and stewardship service work items associated with the stewardship project. Timber to be cut within the project area includes an estimated 83 CCF Mixed Conifer Sawtimber; 500 CCF Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber; 13 CCF Red & White Pine Sawtimber; 256 CCF Sugar Maple Sawtimber; 48 CCF Yellow Birch Sawtimber; 2154 CCF Aspen Pulpwood; 521 CCF Mixed Conifer Pulpwood; and, 2725 CCF Mixed Hardwood Pulpwood that is marked or otherwise designated for cutting. The contract area contains specified roads for an estimated \$31,031.88. In addition, approximately 99 acres (mandatory) of aspen site preparation (7 areas) and approximately 80 acres (optional) of aspen site preparation (6 areas) are included in the project as stewardship service work items. Bids will be evaluated on a best value basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship service work will be completed, as well as, a per unit rate value bid for the timber and per unit rate for completing each stewardship work item (for both mandatory and optional bid items). There is NO bid guarantee, downpayment, performance bond, or periodic payment requirements. Offers will NOT be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A prospectus, bid form, blank technical proposal form, blank past performance form and complete information concerning the timber, the service work required in this contract, and the process to submit bids is available to the public from the Kenton Ranger District office, 4810 East M-28, Kenton, MI, (906) 852-3500, or at www.fs.fed.us/r9/ottawa.

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