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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

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PROSPECTUS FOR

GENETICALLY MODIFIED, GLYPHOSATE RESISTANT SOYBEANS AND WHEAT

ON

MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

WILL COUNTY

ILLINOIS

BID OPENING DATE: APRIL 4, 2011 OPENING TIME: 2:00 PM

SUBMIT BIDS TO: PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR
MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE
30239 SOUTH STATE ROUTE 53
WILMINGTON, IL 60481

LIMITING CONDITIONS

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS WAS TAKEN FROM THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION. THE SOURCES ARE CONSIDERED RELIABLE BUT NO WARRANTY OF THE ACCURACY THEREOF IS MADE. ALL BIDDERS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN APPRAISAL OF THE PROPOSAL HEREIN OFFERED. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE PERMIT. ALL BIDDERS SHOULD CONDUCT THEIR OWN INVESTIGATION AND MAKE THEIR OWN ESTIMATES OR DETERMINATIONS AS TO THE FACTS ABOUT THE AREAS, ACRES, AND ESTIMATES OF CROP PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES/REVENUES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANYTHING INDICATED IN THIS PROSPECTUS.

PROSPECTUS

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this prospectus is to solicit bidders interested in the crop production for the cultivation and harvest of genetically modified, glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat using the no till method on approximately 1,453 acres during the 2011 and 2012 growing seasons within the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

The following tracts are available for crop production of genetically modified, glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat using the no till method during the 2011 and 2012 growing seasons. Tract 21, Tract 22 (field 2,3), Tract 28, (fields 2,3,4,5), Tract 32 (fields 1 and 2), Tract 33 (fields 1,2,3,4,5), Tract 34 (fields 2,3), Tract 42 (fields 1,2,3,4), Tract 43 (fields 1,2), Tract 44 (fields 1,2,3,4,5,7), Tract 45 (Fields 1,2,3), Tract 46 (fields 1,2), Tract 49 fields 2,3), Tract 51 (fields 1,2), Tract 52 (fields 1,2), Tract 60 (fields 2,3, 5,7), Tract 79 (fields 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8), Tract 83 (fields 2,4), Tract 213.

BID PROCEDURE

Lump sum sealed bids subject to terms and conditions set forth in this prospectus will be received by the Prairie Supervisor, Midewin National grass Prairie, 30239 South State Route 53, Wilmington, IL 60481 until **2:00 PM CDT, April 4, 2011** to cultivate and harvest genetically modified, glyphosate resistant soybean and wheat with the no till method on all the Tracts listed above. (See attached map.) The bid opening will open to the public; bidders will be notified with the results. **Each bid must be accompanied by a Cashier's Check or Money Order made out to the USDA Forest Service in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00).** Checks or Money Orders will be returned to all unsuccessful bidders. The deposit will be applied to the fee of the high bidder. If the high bidder cannot fulfill the terms of the Special Use Permit, the bid deposit will be forfeited and the prospectus reissued for bid. A Bill of Collection for one-half of the total amount will be issued for payment due by April 22nd and a second Bill of Collection will be issued January 1, 2012 to be paid by January 31, 2011. A Special Use Permit will be transmitted to the successful bidder to submit the first payment and sign the Special

Use Permit. After payment is received, the Special Use Permit will be approved. No activities will be permitted on any of the sites until payment is received and the Special Use Permit is approved and signed. Failure to make the second payment will be cause for the Special Use permit to be rescinded and the acreage will then be reissued for bid.

The Forest Service reserves the right to extend the date for receiving bids, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any technical defects.

GENERAL INFORMATION

OWNERSHIP

All facilities and land covered by this prospectus are owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. **All bidders should conduct their own investigation and make their own estimates or determination as to the facts about the areas, acres, and estimates of crop production capabilities/revenues without reference to anything indicated in this prospectus.** Prospective bidders are urged to consult with Dolores Kaitschuck at (815) 423-6370, to discuss permit conditions, schedule an inspection of the sites, and acquire other pertinent information.

Any oral statement by any representative of the Forest Service, modifying or changing any condition of this prospectus is an expression of opinion only, and confers no right to the bidder.

The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is approximately five miles north of the City of Wilmington, Illinois, and twelve miles south of the City of Joliet, Illinois. State route 53 provides access to this site.

The tracts being offered are part of many tracts identified within the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie for agricultural activities. Soils and physical features of the tracts being offered indicate that the current use of this land would be for crop production. These tracts have been used for these purposes in the past.

AREA DESCRIPTION

This offering includes (18) tracts available for crop production of glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat described as follows:

Tract No. 21 of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **15** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 9 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 22 (fields 2 and 3) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **26** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 34 North, Range 10 East, Section 32 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 28 (fields 2, 3, 4 and 5) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **87** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in the Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Sections 8 and 9 of Will County Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 32 (fields 1 and 2) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **120** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 9 and 16 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract 33 (fields 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **149** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 9 and 10 of will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract 34 (fields 2 and 3) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **27** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township T33N, Range 10 East, Section 16. **(It will be the responsibility of the lessee to obtain access to these fields from the Will County Landfill.)**

Tract 42 (fields 1, 2, 3 and 4) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **78** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 3 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract 43 (fields 1 and 2) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **78** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 11 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 44 (fields 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **113** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Sections 1, 2 and Township 34, Range 10 East, Section 30, of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 45 (fields 1, 2, and 3) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **196** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 2 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 46 (fields 1 and 2) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **41** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Sections 35 and 36 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat, and soybeans.

Tract No. 49 (fields 2 and 3) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **120** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 10 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 51 (fields 1 and 2) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **74** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 11 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 52 (fields 1 and 2) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **68** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Sections 3 and 10 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 60 (fields 2, 3, 5, and 7) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **72** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Sections 9, 10, 14, and 15 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 79 (fields 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **165** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 4 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 83 (fields 2 and 4) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **13** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 9 East, Section 16 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

Tract No. 213 of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated **11** acres available for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 9 East, Section 12 of Will County, Illinois. This site has been used for the production of wheat and soybeans.

OFFERING

The offering involved in this prospectus will authorize the lessee to cultivate and harvest crops of genetically modified, glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat on approximately 1,453 acres during the 2011 and 2012 growing seasons using the no till method on all of the offered parcels to begin in April 2011. The offering for cultivation and harvesting will run until October 2012 but may be extended for two years. The high bidder will be awarded this authorization through the issuance of a Special Use Permit. **All bidders should conduct their own investigation and make their own estimates or**

determination as to the facts about the areas, acres, and estimates of crop production capabilities/revenues without reference to anything indicated in this prospectus.

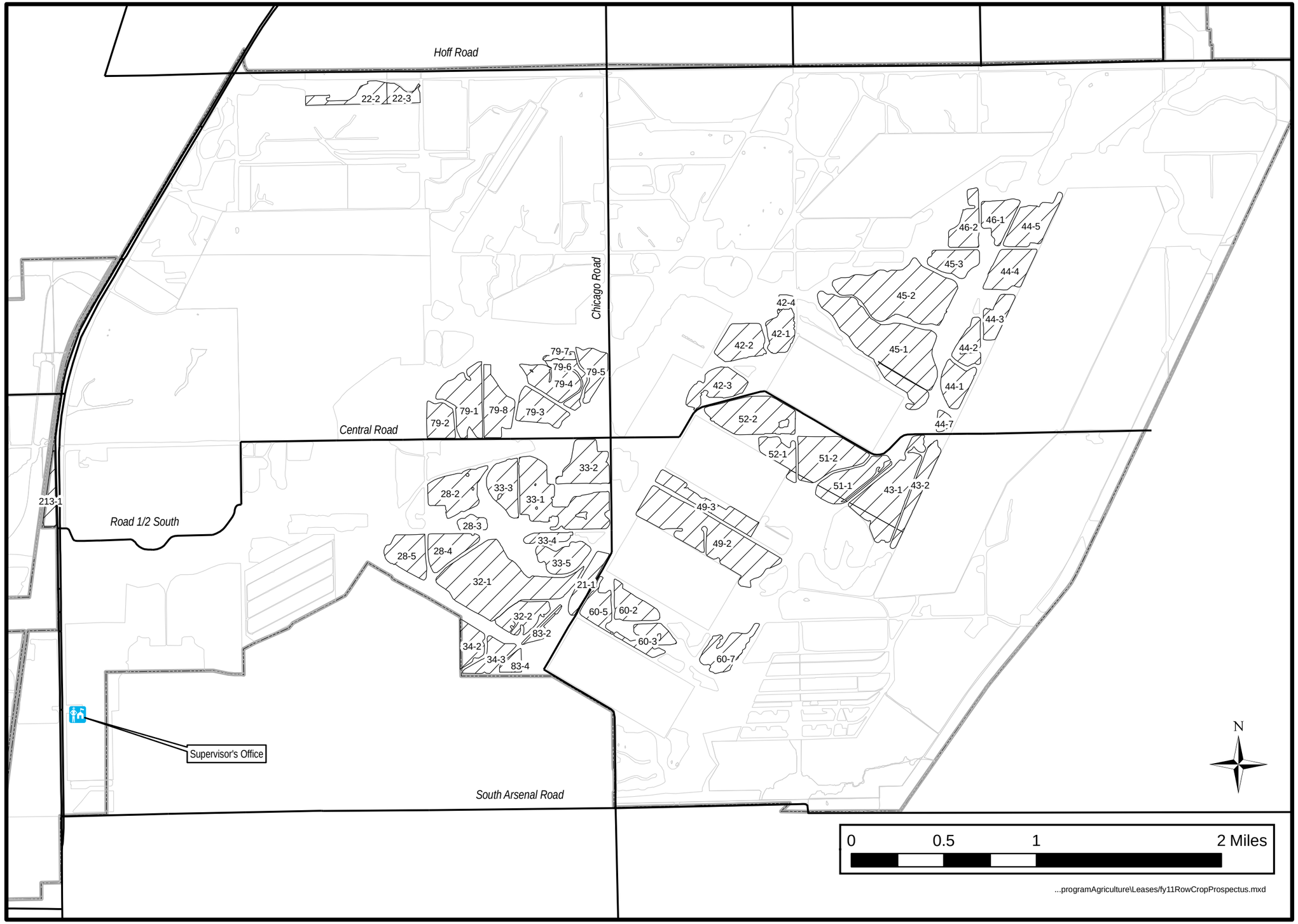
TYPES OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT

A Special Use Permit for April 2011 through October 2012 will be issued to the successful bidder. The Special Use Permit may be extended for one time only or until October 2014 at the discretion of the Prairie Supervisor.

PERMIT AWARD

Bids will be judged on the monetary return to the United States only. It is assumed that all bidders will comply with the Prospectus and terms of the Special Use Permit as well as instructions specified in the spill plan for glyphosate.

2011 Row Crop Prospectus



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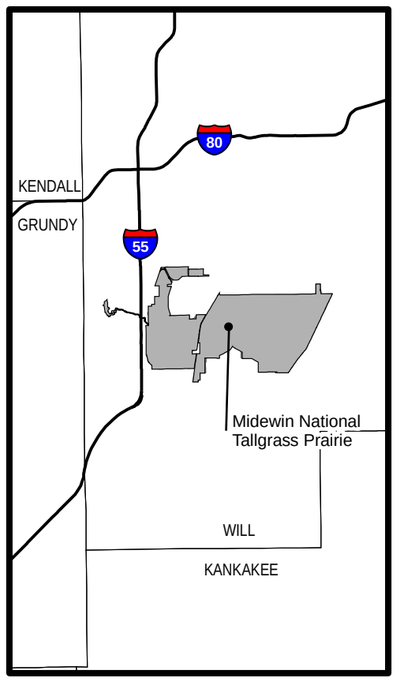
Row Crops

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