

Dear Prospective Offerer:

By **September 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM**, sealed offers along with accompanying technical proposals will be accepted at the Oconee Ranger District Office, Attn: **Timothy C Walker, 1199 Madison Road, Eatonton, GA 31024** for the Hitchcock Branch Stewardship Project. An FS-2400-13T contract will be used. The termination date for this contract is September 30, 2015. This contract is located in Compartments 133, 142, 143, 144, and 145 approximately 10 miles southeast of Eatonton, Georgia in Jasper County, Georgia. A Vicinity Map is attached to provide a broad scope of the project area.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 15,238 CCF. 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 Timber Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Timber Bid Information:				Rates Per Unit of Measure		
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity	Base Rate	Minimum Acceptable Rate	Additional Deposits for Rd. Maint. \$/CCF
Hardwoods	Non-saw	CCF	721	N/A	\$3.00	\$0.00
Softwood-Other	Non-saw	CCF	14,517	N/A	\$19.94	\$0.00
FIXED RATES					FIXED RATE	
Hardwoods	Sawtimber	CCF	unestimated	NA	\$48.78	0.00
Southern Yellow Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	unestimated	NA	\$79.90	0.00
Total		CCF	15,238			

In addition to the timber component of this project, there is mandatory stewardship service work items, as shown in A.4.3 of the sample contract to be performed. As this work is completed and accepted, stewardship credits will be applied to the account to cover the cost of timber. You will be required to submit a rate per unit of measure for these projects as part of your proposal.

Stewardship Project Information

Project Number	Project Description	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity
Mandatory Stewardship Projects			
001	Road Re-Construction/ Surface Restoration FS 1046	EA	1
002	Road Re-Construction/ Surface Restoration FS 1060	EA	1
003	Gate Placement	EA	10

Bids will be evaluated on a best value basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship service work will be completed. The technical proposal that is submitted will become a part of the contract when contract is awarded. A unit rate bid for the timber products is required as well as the per unit rate for completing each stewardship service work item. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all offers.

If you wish further information about this contract, such as Contract Area Maps, Prospectus and Bid Form, Past Performance Questionnaire, and Technical Proposal Form, please write or call the District Ranger's office at 1199 Madison Road, Eatonton, GA, (706) 485-7141– or you may obtain these items at the following website: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/conf/timber-sales.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY C WALKER
Contracting Officer

Enclosure