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To Whom It May Concern:

The **East Lake 28 Stewardship Contract** was awarded on September 28, 2011, to **Tom Allen Logging, Inc.**, of Kenton, MI. This project was bid on September 20, 2011, at the Kenton Ranger District office in Kenton, MI.

This is a stewardship contract and award is based on the **Best Value to the Government**. The Offers (bids) are not publicly opened. Best Value is a combination of bid price for the timber (goods) and bid price to perform the stewardship work (services), combined with the Technical Proposal submitted by the bidder(s). The Technical Proposal includes such things as the timing and operating plans to complete the project, past work history and performance, experience, information submitted by references, and financial information.

For this Contract, the total bid value of the **Mandatory Timber Cutting Units** is \$287,549.00 for 3,983 CCF of volume. The total bid value for the **Mandatory Stewardship Projects** is \$49,525.00. The total value for the **Optional Stewardship Projects** is \$6,125.00. The Optional work was also awarded. Stewardship Credits earned by completing Stewardship Projects are used to release Timber for harvest.

Stewardship projects include: alder cutting for regeneration; road decommissioning with logging slash and closure berms; wildlife opening reconstruction; and, placing boulders to close the ford on the Jumbo River.

Additional bidder(s) information submitted and bid rates are not published with a Stewardship Contract as you would expect with a Timber Sale Contract (Bid Summary). Some technical information submitted is proprietary information. Please reference the Prospectus, dated August 19, 2011, which was made public with the Bid Form. Specifically, page 11, item (e) discusses information that cannot be disclosed, per Federal Acquisitions Regulations 24.202.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please call me at (906) 358-4050.

Sincerely,

  
CHARLOTTE A. BOFINGER  
Contracting Officer

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