

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

Simmons Creek Compts. 30/31 Timber Sale Kisatchie R. D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on July 10, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately five (5) miles south of Bellwood, LA in T6N R8W, Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, & 32 of Natchitoches Parish.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 1365 acres, of which an estimated 630 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains seven (7) Payment Units, six (6) of which are marked thinning units (Payment Units 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6 marked in blue, Payment Unit 7 marked in yellow) and one (1) of which is a marked clearcut (Payment Unit 4 marked in yellow). Payment Unit 2 contains Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) trees where the logging season will be restricted during the nesting season which is March 31-July 31. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

SBA SET-ASIDE: This is a Small Business Set-Aside sale, and award will be made to a self-certifying, qualified small business. Large business concerns may not bid on this sale at this time. Purchaser agrees that it will not sell or exchange more than 30 percent of the advertised sawtimber quantities to a concern that does not qualify as small business. In the event there are no qualified bidders on this SBA sale, the sale will be readvertised under normal procedures, and large business concerns may bid at that time.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **December 31, 2014.**

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 9.25 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$3,187.61.**

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 3.6 miles of Forest Service road 337 prior to hauling. The work includes placing 1100 cubic yards of pit run on this road. A cost allowance of **\$48,040.36** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of **\$1.31** per CCF (approximately **\$6,313.36**) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$1,116.96 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1- 7, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 472-1840 if you have any questions about this sale.