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To Whom It May Concern:

The **ReAd Gadzukes Stewardship Contract** was awarded on August 2, 2012, to **Randy McKee Trucking, Inc.**, of Argonne, MI. This project was bid on July 26, 2012 at the Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger Districts offices in Watersmeet, 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 $190,098.29 for 4,656 CCF of volume. The total bid value for the **Mandatory Stewardship Projects** is $4,595.00. The total value for the **Optional Stewardship Projects** is $1,110.00. The Optional work was also awarded. Stewardship Credits earned by completing Stewardship Projects are used to release Timber for harvest.

Stewardship projects include: road decommissioning with logging slash and closure berms; wildlife opening reconstruction and construction; construction of wildlife denning brush piles; restoration and closure of the Pendleton gravel pit; and, the installation of a Beaver Pond Leveler (specialized culvert).

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 June 26, 2012, 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,

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