



**Reply to:** 2430

**Date:** August 28, 2012

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at Fremont-Winema National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630 no later than 11:00 a.m. local time on or before September 24, 2012 for the Fawn Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in T.29.S.,R.13.E.,Sec 15,20,21,22,27,28,29,30,31,32,33; T.29.S.,R.12.E.,Sec 25,36; T.30.S.,R.13.E., Sec 4,5,6,7,8, 9,18; T.30.S.,R.12.E.,Sec 1,12; W.M. Surveyed, Lake County, Oregon. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is September 28, 2015.

The Forest Service will hold a pre-bid conference and site visit of the contract area on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Silver Lake Ranger District office located in Silver Lake, Oregon. The morning will start with a discussion of the contract, the Best Value award process, and requirements for both pricing and the technical proposal. Afterwards, we will visit specific locations in the contract area to explain and review the Stewardship Projects and any additional information needs. Anyone planning to attend should come prepared to travel to the contract area. Transportation will not be provided.

This stewardship contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of two mandatory stewardship projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Fremont-Winema National Forest. The contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of stewardship work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor. The mandatory and optional projects are shown below.

See A.4.3 and K-G.9# in the sample contract for more information

Project #	Mandatory (M) or Optional (O)	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	M	Cut, Skid, and Deck 4.0 - 6.9 inches DBH Material	Acres	1939
002	O	Stocking Level Control (Cut trees 3'tall to 4.0"DBH)	Acres	1939

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on the contract is 56,542 TONS. 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 Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure**

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
						Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	Ton	33,620	\$8.44	\$0.28	\$0.25	\$0.58
Lodgepole Pine and White Fir	Sawtimber	Ton	22,722	\$9.54	\$0.28	\$0.25	\$0.58
<b>Required Removal at Fixed Rates</b>							
Softwood Other	Grn Bio CV	Ton	195	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.25	\$0.58
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>56,542</b>			<b>\$14,135.50</b>	<b>\$32,794.36</b>

The minimum acceptable total bid for mandatory timber cutting units \$500,568.38.

A bid guarantee is not required.

Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the bidder whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, bid form, bid amendment, and the stewardship projects, and authorization letter for access into the contract area, please write, or call the Fremont-Winema National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630 (541-947-2151). A Copy of the bid form, bid amendment form, prospectus, sample contract, contract area map, and authorized letter for access into the contract area may be viewed on the Forest's webpage at <http://www.fs.usdagov/fremont-winema>.

Sincerely,



Howard Freerksen  
Contracting Officer