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Dear Prospective Offeror:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at the Fremont-Winema National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on or before July 23, 2013, for the Pel Stewardship Contract. The contract area is located within T.36S., R.5E., Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, and T.36S., R.6E., Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17 and 18, WM Surveyed, Klamath County, Oregon. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is December 31, 2016.

The Forest Service will hold a pre-bid conference and site visit of the contract area on June 14, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Klamath Ranger District office located in Klamath Falls, 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 is not provided.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and 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. In addition, the Forest Service and successful offeror may agree to add one optional project. The mandatory and optional projects are shown below:

Project #	Mandatory (M) or Optional (O)	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	M	Marking of Leave Trees by Contractor	Acre	1,312
002	M	Cut, Skid and Deck 4.0 – 6.9" DBH Material	Acre	1,312
003	O	Hand Thinning	Acre	1312

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 55,072 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	6,285	\$21.06	\$0.29	\$0.55	N/A
White Fir & Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	TON	47,773	\$21.06	\$0.29	\$0.55	N/A
Softwood Other	Grn Bio Cv	TON	1,014	\$21.06	\$0.29	\$0.55	N/A
	TOTAL		55,072			\$30,289.60	

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$1,159,816.32 for biddable species. 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, please write or call the Klamath Ranger District, 2819 Dahlia Street, Suite A, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 (541-883-6714) or the Fremont-Winema National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630 (541-947-2151). A copy of the bid form, bid amendment form, prospectus, sample contract, and contract area map may be viewed on the Forest's webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema>. Additionally, the shapefiles for the Subdivision Boundaries are available upon request at the numbers and addresses listed above.

Sincerely,



JUDD LEHMAN
for Timber Contracting Officer