

Reply to: 2430  
Date: 06/19/2013

Dear Prospective Bidder:

On 07/18/2013, at 10:00 AM, initial bids for Oral Auction will be opened in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Headquarters, 1550 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, OR 97814 for the Empire sale. This sale is located in T.7S, R.43E., Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24; T 7S, R 44E., Sections 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 33, WM.. Timber sale Contract 2400-6T will be used. The termination date for this sale is 03/31/2017. This is a small business set-aside sale.

This sale will be preferentially awarded to a qualified small business concern. In the absence of any bids from a self-certifying qualified small business concern, the sale will be readvertised without restriction on the size of bidders.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 21,157 CCF. 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							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir and Western Larch	Sawtimber	CCF	8,516.00	12.40	\$31.37	\$3.00	\$1.70	\$0.29
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	5,107.00	12.60	\$4.03	\$1.00	\$1.70	\$0.29
White Fir and Other	Sawtimber	CCF	5,613.00	13.30	\$31.75	\$3.00	\$1.70	\$0.29
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White Fir and Other	Grn Bio Cv	CCF	1,921.00	7.90	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$1.70	\$0.29
	Total	CCF	21,157.00				\$35,966.90	\$6,135.53

The minimum acceptable weighted average bid rate is \$24.22 per CCF.

There is a \$46,700.00 bid guarantee required on this sale.

A Pre-Award Waiver, Release, and Limitation of Liability Agreement will be required prior to the award of this sale due to existing and/or threatened litigation on the Snow Basin Vegetation Management Project.

If you wish further information on this sale, the prospectus and bid form, please write or call the Whitman Ranger District, 3285 11th Street, Baker City, OR 97814, or at Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Headquarters, 1550 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814..

Sincerely,

DAN KINNEY  
Contracting Officer

Enclosure