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Reply to: 2430
Date: August 7, 2013

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at Colville National Forest Supervisor's Office, 764 South Main, Colville, Washington 99114 no later than 8:30 AM local time on or before September 23, 2013 for the Flowery Trail Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in T.32N., R.42E., Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24 and T.32N., R.43E., Sections 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32,33, WM, Surveyed, Pend Orielle County, Washington. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is September 30, 2018.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of thirteen (13) mandatory and nine (9) optional restoration service type projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Colville National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor.

There are 20.19 miles of specified road reconstruction, 0.41 miles of specified road construction. A specified road construction cost of \$184,538.04 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 112,661 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	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	95,513	9.8	\$25.03	\$0.29	\$1.74	\$0.05
Mixed Conifer Species	Grn Bio Cv	Ton	17,148		\$25.03	\$0.29	\$1.74	\$0.05
	TOTAL	Ton	112,661				\$196,030.14	\$5,633.05

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$3,384,366.44 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 Solicitation. Award will be made to the offeror 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, and the restorative service projects, please write or call Colville National Forest Supervisor's Office, 765 Main St., Colville, Washington or the Newport Ranger District, 315 North Warren, Newport, WA 99156, 509-447-730, or go to the forests' webpage at "<http://www.fs.usda.gov/resources/colville/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Rinke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Rinke" clearly legible.

SUSAN RINKE
Contracting Officer