INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER CONTRACT PROSPECTUS

Stewardship Contract Name :	Callecat Stewardship Project	**Type of Contract :**	Scaled
National Forest :	Eldorado	**Ranger District :**	Amador
Bidding Method :	Sealed Bid		
Location to Receive Offers :	Placerville, CA 95667		
Date : 09/23/2013	**Time :** 02:00 PM		

1. INTRODUCTION. This prospectus furnishes prospective offerors with information not contained in the published advertisement and is designed to enable offerors to decide whether or not to further investigate this stewardship project. The prospectus is not a legally binding document, but is offered to provide general information about a Stewardship Contract. The prospectus does not include descriptions, estimates, and other data that are contained in the sample contract, unless otherwise stated. In the event that the prospectus contains an error or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Offerors are urged to examine the contract and make their own estimates. Contract 2400-13 will be used. Inspect the contract area and the sample contract before submitting an offer. Obtain the appraisal, other information on the contract and stewardship work items and conditions of offering at Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement.

This is a Stewardship End Results Contract authorized by 16 U.S.C. 2104 Note.

2. OFFERING. This is a Sealed Bid Stewardship Contract . Offerors must submit sealed offers on prepared forms they can obtain from Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. The forms include instructions for offering and submission of the required certifications and technical proposals. The term "offer form" in this prospectus is the Bid for Integrated Resource Contract form. Also, the term "offeror" in this prospectus is identified as "offeror" in the Bid for Integrated Resource Contract form. **THE OFFERS WILL NOT BE PUBLICLY OPENED.**

The offeror is required to submit a technical and price proposal and comply with all other provisions stated on the offer form. The proposal should be practical and be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Contractor's ability to meet the requirements of the contract. Upon contract award, this technical proposal will become a binding part of the contract. See Section 21, General for instructions for preparation of technical proposals and evaluation factors for award.

3. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER. Refer to the sample contract and contract area map attached to the sample contract for legal location of contract area, location of subdivisions, location of cutting units, the acreage of contract area, the cutting unit acreage and location of stewardship work activities.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOCATION, ROUTES OF ACCESS, ACREAGES, AND OTHER SPECIAL LOCATION DATA DO NOT SUPERSEDE THE CONTRACT AREA MAP OR SAMPLE CONTRACT.

The Callecat Stewardship Project is located north of Highway 88 in the vicinity of Cat Creek and Road 9N17. This project includes commercial thinning of trees up to 30" diameter using mechanical and skyline harvesting methods. Refer to the sample contract and Section 20 - General in this prospectus for additional information.

4. QUANTITIES AND RATES. The quality, size, cut per acre, and product suitability of the timber are estimates based on detailed cruise information on file and available for inspection at the Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. VOLUME QUANTITIES LISTED HEREIN ARE MADE AVAILABLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT VALUES SHOWN ARE FOREST SERVICE ESTIMATES AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED. For these reasons, offerors are urged to examine the contract area and make their own estimates.

Road Construction Costs. The estimated road construction cost has been included in the appraisal as a cost that the Contractor will incur. The Contractor will be responsible for the road construction cost and WILL NOT receive credit towards stumpage costs for this expense, i.e., THIS CONTRACT DOES NOT INCLUDE STEWARDSHIP CREDIT for the construction of specified roads and Contractors should consider the cost of specified road construction when developing their offers.

THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID RATE FOR THE MANDATORY TIMBER CUTTING UNITS IS STATED IN THE ATTACHED OFFER FORM. THESE RATES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF ADVERTISEMENT.

Mandatory Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Rates Per Unit of Measure: Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Mandatory Timber Cutting Units :							
Combined Softwood	Sawtimber	Ton	81,585.00	$.96	$12.29	$0.53	$0.00
	TOTAL	Ton	81,585.00			$43,240.05	$0.00

Optional Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Rates Per Unit of Measure: Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance

Not Applicable

Total Value Bidding:

Prospective Contractors must submit bids for the timber portion of the contract in terms of the minimum acceptable total contract value. The Bid for Integrated Resource Contract (FS-2400-14BV) states minimum acceptable bid rates and estimated quantities of timber, together with the minimum acceptable total timber value. The advertised minimum acceptable total timber value is only for the biddable species, as listed on the offer form in the upper section of block 14. It does not include any non-biddable, fixed rate species listed in the middle section of block 14 titled "Only the Fixed Rate Applies." The offeror should enter the offer on the offer form only in terms of the total timber value. The Forest Service shall establish timber bid rates by species in the contract by multiplying each species' minimum acceptable bid rate by the bid increase percentage. Such rates will be rounded to the nearest cent. The bid increase percentage is the offeror's total timber value bid rate divided by the minimum acceptable total timber value. The total amount for stumpage is the volume of each biddable species multiplied by its bid rate, plus the volume of each fixed rate species multiplied by its fixed rate.

If the contract includes optional timber cutting units and offeror elects to bid on those units, bids for optional units are entered on the lower section of block 14. By entering bids for optional timber cutting units on the lower section of the offer form, offeror is agreeing to harvest the optional timber units. Procedures for distributing bid premium are as described in the previous paragraph and total timber value becomes the sum of mandatory and optional timber units.

Estimated Knutson-Vandenberg deposit for contract area improvement work in a total amount of $78,324.00 is included in total value.

All of the mandatory stewardship work items, as shown in A.4.3 or AT.4.4 of the sample contract, shall be performed. Optional stewardship work items, as shown in A.4.3 or AT.4.4 of the sample contract, shall be performed when authorized in writing by Contracting Officer. Such authorization may be for all or a portion of the quantity shown. Optional stewardship work items may be selected and authorized in any order. Upon written request of Contractor, additional stewardship work items shall be considered and authorized; however, Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship work items if three or more authorized optional stewardship work items or any of the mandatory stewardship work items remain uncompleted. Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship work items at any time if Contracting Officer determines that there is insufficient value of remaining designated timber to cover the value of additional stewardship work items.

Stewardship Schedule of Work Items

Item Number (a)	Work Activity Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
Mandatory Stewardship Work Items			
1	Small Tree Thinning & Removal	Acres	995.00
2	Brush Cutting & Grapple Machine Piling	Acres	527.00
3	Decommission Roads 9N22A & 9N22A.1	Each	1.00

5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT. The normal operating season covers the period between 05/15 and 10/15. Contract termination date is 12/31/2017. Extensions of this contract may be granted only when the contractor has met specified conditions.

Upon acceptance by the Forest Service, the technical proposal is a binding part of the contract and shall include, but is not limited to, plan periods for and methods of work activities. The Contractor must also submit an annual schedule of operations before commencing operations. This schedule will include the anticipated major activities and needs for harvest. This annual schedule of operations does not require concurrence of the Forest Service.

6. PAYMENT. Payment for timber and any required deposits for slash disposal or road maintenance are required in advance of cutting. Contractor may earn stewardship credits or provide an acceptable payment guarantee prior to cutting. "Stewardship Credits" are credits that are earned and established when work described in K(T)-G(T).9# of the sample contract has been performed and accepted. Stewardship Credits shall be earned at the offer rate as shown in the awarded contract. Earned Stewardship Credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits. Base Rates and Required Deposits must be paid in cash.

If an offeror elects to have the Forest Service construct specified roads, the contract shall provide for collection of not less than the full estimated cost of the roads stated in this prospectus, in addition to the current contract rate value and required deposits. Contract Form FS-2400-13 provides for collecting the estimated public works road construction cost as timber is scaled, at a rate accelerated on 80 percent of the estimated volume.

If offeror elects the road option, payment for right-of-way timber will be made in advance of cutting. The timber will be decked by the road contractor and will be made available to the Contractor when notified by Forest Service of location and availability. If Contractor and road contractor agree, Contractor may cut and remove right-of-way timber as part of the specified road construction.

7. PERFORMANCE BOND. Not Applicable.

8. SPECIFIED ROADS. The Forest Service has determined that the following National Forest System roads shall be constructed or paid for, in whole or in part, by the Contractor. Sufficient information to permit a prospective offeror to calculate the likely cost to be incurred for road construction is available at the Forest Supervisor's Office. See the sample contract for verification of specific details and information concerning construction specifications. CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES AND INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, TOGETHER WITH RELATED SPECIFICATIONS, ARE NOT GUARANTEED. The following roads are those that Forest Service considers necessary to remove the timber from this contract.

Road Number	Road Name	Traffic Service Level	Approximate Miles/Kilometers	Estimated Road Construction Cost	Type of Work *

9N22A	22A	D	0.4	0.64	$3,695.80	R
09N42A	ANDERSON CANYON	D	1.4	2.25	$7,799.80	R
09NY33	BUCK SPUR	D	0.86	1.38	$10,700.92	R
09N22D	BUCKSKIN BEES	D	0.49	0.79	$11,383.00	R
09N17	CAT CREEK	B	7.05	11.35	$42,672.00	R
09N42	CAT CREEK RIDGE	D	2.09	3.36	$3,295.56	R
08N42D	CAT PILE	D	0.09	0.14	$1,057.11	R
08N42C	CAT POINT	D	1.19	1.92	$7,597.57	R
09NY08	DEER LEG	D	1.68	2.7	$14,538.00	R
09N23	EAST LOGGERS DELIGHT	D	1.36	2.19	$14,779.78	R
09N17A	EAST SUGARPINE	D	1.35	2.17	$9,847.30	R
09N17H	EAST SUGARPINE SPLIT	D	2.23	3.59	$15,643.27	R
08N37	MEHRTEN MUD TIE THRU	A	1.22	1.96	$3,978.94	R
All Roads	Mobilization	D	0.01	0.02	$6,835.00	R
08N26	OLD LUMBERYARD	A	1.39	2.24	$1,462.00	R
08N42	PIPI RESERVOIR	C	3.41	5.49	$17,660.22	R
09N51	RIDGE CAT CREEK	D	1.62	2.61	$10,316.50	R
09NY33D	TIE THRU	D	0.14	0.23	$1,368.42	R
09NY09	TIGER MINE	D	1.17	1.88	$12,802.19	R
09N41	TWIN CAT TIE	C	1.2	1.93	$3,329.96	R
09N40	TWIN GULCH	B	1.5	2.41	$3,084.00	R
09N40B	TWIN NORTH	D	0.6	0.97	$3,937.63	R
09NY08B	UPPER DEER LEG	D	0.8	1.29	$5,849.12	R
09N17B	WEST SUGARPINE	D	0.98	1.58	$5,595.28	R
09NY08A	WHITE THORN	D	0.35	0.56	$2,405.25	R

* C = Construction
R = Reconstruction

The required specified road completion date for all roads is 11/15/2014. If provision K(T)-F(T).1.3# - Road Completion Date has different dates for projects, this is the final road completion date.

Total estimated road construction cost allowed in appraisal is $241,634.62

An offeror qualifying as a small business concern may elect to have the Forest Service construct the specified roads listed above. Completion dates for construction apply whether construction is performed by the Contractor or by the Forest Service. If the offeror elects Forest Service construction, it is the Forest Service's intent to perform construction through CONTRACT. The Forest Service shall not award the contract unless either it receives a satisfactory road construction bid or, if it fails to receive such a bid within 180 days of tentative award, the offeror agrees to perform road construction.

If Contractor elects Forest Service construction, the total estimated public works construction cost that would be paid in addition to current contract rates is $313,979.51. See provision K(T)-E(T).1.2# - Amount Payable for Timber in the sample contract for additional information.

The following changes will be made to the sample contract when the Forest Service constructs specified roads:

A(T)3 - Timber Designations: "Specified Road Clearing" will be changed to "Construction Clearing" K-C.3.2.3

A(T)7 - Change the title to "Permanent Roads To Be Constructed by Forest Service."

A22 or AT19 - Make the following changes in A22 or AT19:

Add	K-C.3.2.3 - Construction Clearing.
Add	K-E.1.2# - Amount Payable for Timber.
Add	K-I.4.1 - Limitation of Performance by Other Than Contractor.

The estimated road construction cost includes the cost of road reconstruction engineering services, pursuant to Public Law 88-657, 78 Stat. 1089, 16 U.S.C. 532-537. Refer to provision K(T)-F(T).2.1.3# - Deposit for Reconstruction Engineering Services in the sample contract for additional information.

Contractor shall make a cash deposit in the amount $20,000.00 for engineering services completed by Forest Service in preparation of this contract. The Forest Service shall complete reconstruction related engineering services on the following schedule:

NOT APPLICABLE.

9. ROAD MAINTENANCE. Contractor shall perform or pay for road maintenance work, commensurate with Contractor's use, on roads controlled by Forest Service, and used by Contractor in connection with this contract. Road maintenance requirements are based on the predicted haul route. Any change in the Contractor's actual haul route may necessitate a change in the roads to be maintained and/or in the amount of required deposit for road maintenance. Required deposits for road maintenance are listed in provision K(T)-F(T).3.2# in the sample contract. Maintenance specifications are in the sample contract.

10. INAPPLICABLE STANDARD PROVISIONS. See sample contract.

11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. See sample contract.

12. SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS. Not Applicable.

13. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS. The contract requires domestic processing of included timber except for species declared to be surplus, and prohibits the use of such included timber in substitution for unprocessed private timber exported. The offeror, by signing the offer for advertised timber, certifies compliance with the applicable prohibitions against export and substitution prescribed in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620, et seq.) with each offer.

14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW. If the total contract value for this contract exceeds $10 million, before award, the Forest Service shall request an equal employment opportunity compliance review of the Contractor to determine compliance with the provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and Executive Order No. 12086 of October 5, 1978.

15. AWARD. The Contracting Officer is required to make a determination of Contractor responsibility as stated in Title 36, Section 223.101, of the Code of Federal Regulations.
To determine a Contractor to be responsible, a Contracting Officer must find that:

a. The Contractor has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;

b. The Contractor is able to perform the contract within the contract term taking into consideration all existing contracts and Governmental business commitments;

c. The Contractor has a satisfactory performance record on similar type contracts. A prospective Contractor that is or recently has been seriously deficient in contract performance shall be presumed not to be responsible, unless the Contracting Officer determines that the circumstances were beyond the Contractor's control and were not created through improper actions by the Contractor or affiliate, or that the Contractor has taken appropriate corrective action. Past failure to apply sufficient tenacity and perseverance to perform acceptably under a contract is strong evidence that a Contractor is not responsible. The Contracting Officer shall consider the number of contracts involved and extent of deficiency of each in making this evaluation;

d. The Contractor has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;

e. The Contractor has or is able to obtain equipment and supplies suitable for completing the requirements of the contract;

f. The Contractor is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

Offerors, by signing the offer form, certify that, to the best of offeror's knowledge, the offeror will meet the requirements in 36 CFR

223.101, determination of Contractor responsibility, and if awarded this contract, that offeror will complete the contract and any modifications thereof in accordance with its terms including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove included timber or forest products and complete stewardship projects by the termination date.

16. FALSE STATEMENTS ACT. Offerors, by signing the offer form, certify that they are aware that offeror is subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001, Chapter 47, Fraud and False Statements (P.L. 104-45). The Act states "whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

17. DAMAGES. This contract shall be terminated for breach if: 1) Contractor fails to execute this stewardship contract or furnish a satisfactory performance bond by the date required in the award letter, if required; or 2) offeror is found to have violated the False Statements Act in making any statement or certification on the offer form including not meeting responsibility requirements, and offeror has made a false statement.

18. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION. Non-procurement debarments and suspensions are governed by the Government-wide common rules (7 CFR 3017).
These rules require each contractor, to submit a certification for itself, its principals, and its affiliates when submitting an offer on stewardship contracts. The offeror must designate its status regarding debarment, suspension, and other matters as specified on the offer form. The offeror, by signing the offer, certifies this status. An explanation for not submitting a certification may be submitted. The Contracting Officer will determine whether the explanation provides sufficient reason for permitting participation in the competition. Also, as a Contractor enters into transactions with subcontractors, these subcontractors must certify their eligibility. The certification titled "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion" must be provided to subcontractors, but completed certifications are not required to be submitted with the offer. Contractor must keep these subcontractor certification forms on file for review by the Forest Service, if requested.
The certification forms and instructions for subcontractors transactions are provided as an addendum to the offer form.

19. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) REGULATIONS. Conduct of operations on this contract is subject to compliance with all OSHA requirements related to the various work activities. Inspection by OSHA may include inspection for compliance with the logging operations regulations at 29 CFR 1910.266. This standard is applicable to the entire logging industry wherever logging operations occur. Information is available to assist Contractors to ensure compliance with the logging operations regulations during conduct of this contract from the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, California Department of Industrial Relations, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901, Oakland, California 94612.

20. GENERAL.

1. Sawtimber removed will be weighed at an approved location. Purchaser will bear all costs for weighing services.

2. The Callecat Stewardship Project includes 3 Mandatory Stewardship projects. They are Small Tree Thinning and Removal on 995 acres, Brush Cutting and Grapple Machine Piling on 527 acres, and Decommissioning Roads 9N22A and 9N22A.1. Refer to item #10. below.

3. Volume Determination. Estimated sawtimber volumes for this Stewardship Project were generated using a sample tree cruise method for all subdivisions, resulting in a total of 23,586 CCF (13,245 MBF). The cubic volume was converted to tons using the following conversion factors: 68 lbs/gross cubic foot for ponderosa pine, 69 lbs/gross cubic foot for sugar pine and white fir, 63 lbs/gross cubic foot for Douglas fir, 58 lbs/gross cubic foot for incense cedar, and 55 lbs/gross cubic foot for lodgepole pine.

4. K-C.3.5# - Designation of Timber, Cutting Unit Boundaries, and Subdivision/Payment Unit Boundaries. (6/12). Unit boundaries are designated by 3 orange stripes facing the unit on boundary trees and an orange mark below stump height. Boundary trees are not designated for cutting. Trees designated for cutting within all subdivisions are painted in Blue painted stripes at DBH and a Blue stump mark. Trees with Black paint marked over Blue were deleted from the project and are not designated for cutting.

5. Road Use and Maintenance

a. The appraised haul route is via the Contract Area on Roads 9N17 and 8N23 to Highway 88, west on Highway 88 to Omo Ranch Road, north on Omo Ranch Road to E16, and then various County roads and State highways to Lincoln.

b. K-F.3.1# - Road Maintenance Requirements (9/04). Contractor is responsible for road maintenance commensurate with use before, during, and post haul as indicated in the sample contract.

c. K-F.3.5# - Road and Water Supply Use (5/08). Surface replacement deposits of $0.61/ton are required for roads 8N23 and 9N22.

d. K-G.2.2# - Protection of Improvements (5/08). There is an underground fiber optic phone line in road 8N26 that is to be protected during road reconstruction and maintenance.

e. K-G.3.1.5# - Project Operations Schedule (12/06) - Use of water sources is subject to approval and survey for aquatic species by the Forest Service. Screen covered drafting boxes or other devices approved by the Forest Service are also required.

6. Project Operations

a. K-G.2.4# Site Specific Special Protection Measures (9/04). No operations are permitted in areas identified on the Contract Area Map as CA-1 and flagged on the ground with pink and/or pink and black checkered flagging; and areas identified as CA-2 on the Contract Area Map and flagged on the ground with pink and green flagging.

b. K-G.3.1.5# - Project Operations Schedule (12/06). Limited Operating Periods: Off road ground disturbing activities are prohibited during the period March 1 - August 15, inclusive, for portions of units 1, 2, 3, 4, 33, 130, 134, 135, 137, 139, 141, 144, 146, & 148; and the period February 15 - September 15, inclusive, for portions of units 33, 130, 133, 135, 142, 144, 146, &148, unless otherwise agreed. Harvest shall not exceed 500 acres and grapple piling shall not exceed 300 acres in any one season in the Cat Creek watershed. See sample contract for complete table.

c. K-C.3# Reserve Trees (9/04) and K-G.3.2# Protection of Reserve Trees (9/04). Rust resistant sugar pine trees are required to be protected. damageor destruction shall result in payment of liquidated damages.

d. K-G.4.1# - Felling, Bucking, and Limbing (8/07). Whole tree yarding is specified for all units however the butt log from trees >/=24" DBH and trees in skyline units shall be bucked as specified in the sample contract not to exceed 41 feet. Trees shall be directionally felled away from private land, property lines, protected streamcourses, controlled areas, gates, waterholes, leave islands, reserve trees, land survey monuments, and other improvements. Stumps of live true fir trees >/=12" shall be treated with a borate compound in all or portions of units 101, 138, 139, 140, 141, 143, 144, 146, and 149 as shown on the Contract Area Map. Minimum stump height in all units is 3".

e. K-G.4.2# - Ground Based Skidding (12/06). Mechanical harvesting is specified for all units except skyline units 134, 158, and 159. Within these skyline units, timber <24" stump diameter shall be felled with a feller buncher and bunched in skyline corridors on slopes <45%, except that hand felling is required in sensitive areas. Timber exceeding the feller buncher's capability may be hand felled. In ground based skidding units, the method of skidding includes leading end suspended (SUSP), maximum tractor size (MAX), maximum endlining distance (ENDL), spacing of skid trails (SPACE), and agreed upon skid roads (TRAC).

f. K-G.4.2.5 - Cable and Skyline Yarding (08/07). Skyline yarding is specified for units 134, 158, and 159. Yarder must be able to support products clear of the ground across buffer strips and suspend the leading end in other areas, have lateral yarding capability and to hold the carriage stationary, require minimum landing excavation along roadways consistent with safety, and have a swing boom.

7. K-G.5 - Streamcourse Protection (02/05). Buffer strips are posted on the ground with flagging and are of varying widths depending on the stream condition.

8. K-G.6# - Erosion Prevention and Control (05/08). Vegetative soil stabilization (VSS) and tillage is specified for up to 13.5 acres of landings, skid trails, and temporary roads. This applies to varying locations in units 135, 137, 138, and 140. Special erosion prevention (SEP) of up to 10 acres applies where needed and as designated by Forest Service.

9. K-G.7# - Slash Treatment (12/06). Fell damaged trees (FELL) applies to Contract Area. Unutilized logs shall be decked (DECK) for disposal at landings and landing slash machine piled (MACH). Landing piles shall be covered (COVER) sufficiently to provide dry ignition sources.

10. K-G.9# - Stewardship Projects (09/04). Refer to the sample contract and the attached K-G.9# for stewardship project specifications.

11. K-H.2# - Specified Fire Precautions (06/12) and K-H.2.2# - Emergency Precautions (06/12) are included in this contract. All relevant fire precautions shall remain in force for all phases of this contract. The historic average days per month at each Project Activity Level are attached.

12. Other Information

a. The successful bidder is encouraged to register in the System for Award Management (SAM) (www.sam.gov). Registration is voluntary but can directly benefit your business operations in streamlining payments and refunds. Despite the language below, SAM has replaced the Central Contractor Registration (CCR).

b. Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants.

c. Notice of Appeal: Offerors are hereby put on notice that the Callecat NEPA document and associated decision were administratively appealed pursuant to 36 CFR 215. This project may therefore be subject to litigation in the future, which may result in contract suspension, modification, or termination. The contract provides for limited remedies in the cases of suspension, modification, or termination due to litigation. To receive documentation relevant to the administrative appeal, please contact Patricia Ferrell at 530-642-5146 or pferrell@fs.fed.us.

The successful offeror shall register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at www.ccr.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL AND PRICE PROPOSALS

(a) General Instructions. Proposals submitted shall be furnished in the following format with the numbers of copies as specified below.

(1) - The proposal must include a technical proposal and price proposal. Each of the parts shall be separate and complete so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently from evaluation of the other. The technical proposal must not contain reference to cost.

(2) - Offerors may, at their discretion, submit alternate proposals or proposals which deviate from the requirement; provided, that an offeror also submit a proposal for performance of the work as specified in the statement of work. Any "alternate" proposal may be considered if overall performance would be improved or not compromised, and if it is in the best interest of the Government. Alternate proposals, or deviations from any requirement of this Request for Proposal (RFP), must be clearly identified.

OR

~~(2) Offerors must submit a proposal that meets all requirements specified in the sample contract. No alternate proposals will be accepted.~~

(3) - The Government will evaluate proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth below.

(4) - Offerors shall submit their proposal(s) in the following format and the quantities specified:

(i.) One copy of the completed, signed offer form FS-2400-14BV or FS-2400-14BVU provided by the Forest Service for this contract.

(ii.) Three copies of the technical proposal.

(iii.) One copy of the business/cost proposal.

(b) Technical Proposal Instructions. Technical proposals will be evaluated to determine the ability of the Contractor to meet the requirements of the Government. As a minimum, the proposal must clearly provide the following: See the attached Technical Proposal Form for the Evaluation Factors and Subfactors.

EVALUATION, NEGOTIATION AND AWARD PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated and rated to determine which offerors are within a competitive range, price and other factors considered. Award may be made without further negotiations. Proposals should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms that the offeror can submit to the Government, from both price and technical standpoints. However the Government may, after evaluation of proposals, conduct further oral or written discussions as appropriate, with all offerors whose proposals are within a competitive range. Proposals that do not address one or more criteria or subfactors, may not be considered further for award.

Firms lacking a past performance record (e.g., new firms or those with no relevant experience within their organization) will be treated as an unknown performance risk, receiving a neutral score in this criteria. A neutral score will be established as the average of all other competing offerors, or the average of the total score available, whichever is less.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation factors for this contract and their relative importance are listed below in descending order of priority. All subfactors within a factor are equal in weight.

Factor	Approximate Weight
A. Price	52%
B. Technical Approach	16%
1. Plan of Operations	
2. Quality Control	
3. Contract Manager and On-the-Ground Supervisor(s)	
4. Equipment	
5. Production Capability	
C. Capability and Past Performance	16%
1. Key Personnel	
2. Subcontractors	
3. Past Contacts	
D. Utilization of Local Workforce	16%
E. Other	0%

Award Statement. One award will be made to the offeror (a) whose proposal is technically acceptable and (b) whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. All technical evaluation factors (B-D), when combined, are of less importance than price (A). The critical factor in making any technical/price trade-off is not the spread between the technical ratings, but rather the significance of that difference. The significance of the spread in ratings will be determined on the basis of what that difference might mean in terms of performance and what it would cost the Government to take advantage of it. Award may not necessarily be made for technical capabilities that would appear to exceed those needed for fulfilling the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to make cost/technical trade-offs that are in the best interest and to the advantage of the Government.

Price proposals will not be scored.

POSTAWARD DEBRIEFING OF OFFERORS

(a) (1) An offeror, upon its written request received by the agency within 3 days after the date on which that offeror has received notification of contract award in shall be debriefed and furnished the basis for the selection decision and contract award.

(2) To the maximum extent practicable, the debriefing should occur within 5 days after receipt of the written request.

(3) An offeror that was notified of exclusion from the competition, but failed to submit a timely request, is not entitled to a debriefing.

(4) (i) Untimely debriefing requests may be accommodated.

(ii) Government accommodation of a request for delayed debriefing, or any untimely debriefing request, does not automatically extend the deadlines for filing protests. Debriefings delayed could affect the timeliness of any protest filed subsequent to the debriefing.

(b) Debriefings of successful and unsuccessful offerors may be done orally, in writing, or by any other method acceptable to the Contracting Officer.

(c) The Contracting Officer should normally chair any debriefing session held. Individuals who conducted the evaluations shall provide support.

(d) At a minimum, the debriefing information shall include-

(1) The Government's evaluation of the significant weaknesses or deficiencies in the offeror's proposal, if applicable;

(2) The overall evaluated cost or price (including unit prices) and technical rating, if applicable, of the successful offeror and the debriefed offeror, and past performance information on the debriefed offeror;

(3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during the source selection;

(4) A summary of the rationale for award;

(5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror; and

(6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions about whether source selection procedures contained in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed.

(e) The debriefing shall not include point-by-point comparisons of the debriefed offeror's proposal with those of other offerors. Moreover, the debriefing shall not reveal any information prohibited from disclosure by Federal Acquisitions Regulations 24.202 or exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) including-

(1) Trade secrets;

(2) Privileged or confidential manufacturing processes and techniques;

(3) Commercial and financial information that is privileged or confidential, including cost breakdowns, profit, indirect cost rates, and similar information; and

(4) The names of individuals providing reference information about an offeror's past performance.

(f) An official summary of the debriefing shall be included in the contract file.

K-G.9# – Stewardship Projects. (9/04)

Callecat Stewardship Projects Specification Table

Unit	Commercial Thinning Acres	Logging System	Project 1 Small Tree Thinning & Removal Acres[1]	Project 2 Brush Cutting and Grapple Machine Piling Acres[1,2]	Project 3 Decommissioning Roads 9N22A and 9N22A.1 (EACH)
1	.25	Mechanical	0	0	
2	.25	Mechanical	0	0	
3	.25	Mechanical	0	0	
4	.25	Mechanical	0	0	
7	20	Mechanical	0	0	
33	27	Mechanical	0	0	
34	4	Mechanical	0	0	
84	4	Mechanical	0	0	
101	16	Mechanical	0	0	
102	9	Mechanical	0	0	
130	10	Mechanical	10	10	
131	28	Mechanical	27	27	
132	10	Mechanical	10	0	
133	22	Mechanical	22	22	
134	71	Skyline	0	0	
135	80	Mechanical	76	0	
137	96	Mechanical	94	94	
138	64	Mechanical	64	64	
139	85	Mechanical	73	35	
140	71	Mechanical	71	71	
141	95	Mechanical	93	50	
142	47	Mechanical	47	47	
143	117	Mechanical	117	45	
144	41	Mechanical	41	25	
145	17	Mechanical	17	0	
146	67	Mechanical	67	0	1
148	88	Mechanical	85	0	
149	24	Mechanical	21	10	
150	56	Mechanical	0	0	
156	13	Mechanical	13	0	
157	29	Mechanical	27	27	
158	15	Skyline	15	0	
159	18	Skyline	5*	0	
TOTALS	**1245**		**995**	**527**	**1**

[1] Acres have been adjusted to delete streamcourse buffer strips and, low site, steep ground ≥ 35% slope and brush fields based on GPS mapping.

[2] Not all areas planned for Grapple Machine Piling have been delineated on the ground. Acreage for units 139, 141, 143, 144, and

149 are based on GIS mapping. Forest Service shall identify the areas within units for machine piling and stewardship credit will be awarded based on actual acres completed.
*Small Tree Thinning acreage for unit 159 is estimated based on GIS mapping, actual acreage will be based on area accessible by feller buncher. Stewardship credit will be awarded based on actual acres completed.

Mandatory Project #1 – SMALL TREE THINNING AND REMOVAL *(refer to Specification table above and A.4.3.)*

1. Unless otherwise agreed, in all units designated for Project #1, the contractor shall cut all conifer trees greater than or equal to 6" stump diameter and less than or equal to 12" stump diameter not selected as leave trees. Unless otherwise agreed, Small Tree Thinning requirements shall be done concurrently with the logging activities. Notwithstanding above, no small tree cutting shall occur within streamcourse buffer strips and leave islands identified on the Contract Area Map or on the ground.

2. Unless otherwise agreed, in all units designated for Project #1, all non-sawlog bole material greater than or equal to 10 feet in length from all conifer trees required to be cut shall be removed to landings or agreed upon disposal sites within the units and machine piled or decked in accordance with K-G.7# - Slash Treatment.

3. Contractor shall select leave trees less than or equal to 12" stump diameter using the following specifications:

   a. Contractor shall select leave trees less than or equal to 12" stump diameter to retain a 25-30 feet spacing between leave trees, taking into account all merchantable leave trees (trees with stump diameter greater than or equal to 12 inches without blue paint). Hardwood trees are to be ignored in terms of determining conifer tree spacing. For selection of leave trees refer to the table included in this section.

   b. Species in order of preference when choosing leave trees are ponderosa pine, Jeffrey pine, sugar pine, Douglas-fir, red fir, white fir, incense cedar and lodgepole pine.

   c. Refer to Table 1 below in choosing trees to be cut and left.

4. Forest Service, or Contractor by agreement, shall identify small groups (1/8 acre or less) of conifer saplings to be left uncut to meet wildlife cover objectives. Approximately 1 group per 10 acres shall be identified to be left uncut.

5. No pacific yew, black oak, dogwood, aspen, elderberry or California nutmeg shall be cut, unless cutting is necessary for equipment accessibility.

6. All stump heights, including trees and brush shall be 6 inches or less on the uphill side.

Table 1

Characteristics of Acceptable Leave Tree	Characteristics of Cut Trees
1. Dominance - Trees are taller than others of same age class.	1. Suppressed trees, shorter than others.
2. Foliage - Dark green color, thick over entire tree.	2. Tree crown has yellow or reddish color sparse foliage.
3. Straight bole.	3. Bent, crook or fork.
4. Single branch terminal.	4. Two or more leaders of approximately equal length.
5. Free from physical damage.	5. Physical damage caused by wind, falling trees, frost cracks, animals.
6. Free from insect or disease damage as indicated by color of foliage.	6. Damage caused by insect or disease, and trees with notable signs of decline.

Mandatory Project #2 – BRUSH CUTTING AND GRAPPLE MACHINE PILING *(refer to Specification table above and A.4.3.)*

1. Unless otherwise agreed, in areas identified by the Forest Service within units designated for Project # 2, Contractor shall cut all conifer trees less than 6" stump diameter and greater than 3 feet in height not selected as leave trees, and live and dead brush greater than 3 feet in height prior to Grapple Machine Piling. Unless otherwise agreed, the Contractor shall cut all brush except for brush occurring within 1 foot of any existing log not designated for treatment under the specifications of this

contract. All live brush shall be cut below the lowest live branch and have a stump height generally no higher than 3 inches above ground level on the uphill side or 3 inches above obstacles (i.e. large rocks, down logs). All brush shall be cut from around the main bole of all trees and snags designated as leave trees under the contract specifications. No pacific yew, black oak, dogwood, aspen, elderberry or California nutmeg shall be cut, unless cutting is necessary for equipment accessibility.

2. Unless otherwise agreed, in areas identified by the Forest Service within units designated for Project # 2 on slopes <35%, all cut trees and brush, dead brush, conifer slash, preexisting vegetative debris greater than 4 inches in diameter and greater than 3 feet long, and unmerchantable down logs less than or equal to 20 inches at the large end diameter and at least 10 feet in length, shall be Grapple Machine Piled (ie, excavator or loader) in accordance with K-G.7# - Slash Treatment-Machine Piling except that a tractor with brush rake is prohibited.

3. Machine piling shall be conducted to retain ground cover such as duff and litter largely intact to maintain soil cover. Down logs greater than 16 inches in diameter at the large end and at least 10 feet in length shall not be machine piled.

4. Unless otherwise agreed, Grapple Machine Piling in each unit shall be completed following harvest and within 90 days of acceptance of logging requirements by Forest Service except where limited in the Cat Creek Watershed (K-G.3.1.5#).

5. Notwithstanding above, no brush cutting or grapple piling shall occur within streamcourse buffer strips or leave islands, or within 50 feet of a road in units 137, 138, and 140.

6. Notwithstanding the requirements of K-G.7# Piling Specifications, no firelines shall be constructed around piles.

7. Forest Service, at its discretion, may eliminate acreage specified for machine piling when Forest Service determines that machine piling is unnecessary to meet management objectives or would detrimentally affect resources. Stewardship credit shall be awarded based on actual acres completed.

Mandatory Item #3 - DECOMMISSIONING OF ROADS 9N22A AND 9N22A.1 *(refer to Specification table above, Road Plan, and A.4.3.)*

Work includes constructing non-drivable waterbars, scarifying roadbed, seeding, mulching, camouflaging road, and barricading. Refer to road plan specifications and sheet number 20 of road drawings for decommissioning of 9N22A and 9N22A.1.

Decommissioning Road 09N22A; 0.10 miles			
Specification No.	**Description**	**Unit**	**Quantity**
204(20)F	Drainage Excavation, Type Waterbar	Each	5
211	Road Decommissioning - Includes Subsoiling, Camouflaging and All Work to Complete Job.	LS	1
619(03)	Earth and Log Barricade	Each	1

Decommissioning Road 09N22A.1; 0.17 miles			
Specification No.	**Description**	**Unit**	**Quantity**
204(20)F	Drainage Excavation, Type Waterbar	Each	8
211	Road Decommissioning - Includes Subsoiling, Camouflaging and All Work to Complete Job.	LS	1
619(03)	Earth and Log Barricade	Each	1

II. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

Inspection (General). Government inspections are for the purpose of satisfying the Government that the services are acceptable and do not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for maintaining quality control. The Contractor shall conduct inspections on all units in accordance with Contractor's Quality Control Plan included in the Contractor's technical proposal which is made a part of this contract.

Government Inspections. The Forest Service Representative, Project Administrator or designated inspector will conduct all inspections. The Contractor (or designated representative) is encouraged to be present to observe inspections. Inspections will be a walk-through visual examination of the unit. Refer to G.3.6 Acceptance of Work.

Measurement for Stewardship Credit. Acreage was measured on a horizontal plane using a Global Positioning System. Unless otherwise indicated by this contract, the contractor may request remeasurement of any quantities. The request must be made in writing and must be made within 10 calendar days of completing work on the unit in question. If remeasurement indicates a variance of five percent or less from the stated quantity, the Forest Service may deduct Stewardship Credits to the Contractor equal to the cost of this remeasurement. If remeasurement indicates a variance of more than five percent from the stated quantity, Stewardship Credits will be based on the remeasured quantity, and the Contractor will not be liable for the costs of remeasurement. All remeasurements will be done by the Forest Service. The Forest Service may remeasure quantities of completed stewardship project work at its discretion. Forest Service will bear all costs for discretionary remeasurement. Remeasured quantities will be the basis for awarding Stewardship Credits. Remeasurement of acreage will be done using a Global Positioning System.

Callecat Stewardship Project: Prospectus Attachment

Fire Danger Rating Area: 335

The ENF utilizes a Special Interest Group to determine PAL. The Hellhole, Bald Mountain, Steely Fork, Owens Camp and Beaver RAWS stations are used in daily determination of PAL.

Beaver is the closest RAWS station located on the Amador Ranger District.

Project Activity Level Climatology

Station/SIG/Unit: ENF SIG — **Years Analyzed: 1992 - 2012**

Month	A	B	C	D	Ev	E	Days Analyzed
	Expected Days per Month at each PAL Value						
May	12.2	9.6	8.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	639
June	5.5	6.4	15.9	2.0	0.2	0.0	626
July	0.4	2.4	21.1	6.6	0.4	0.0	645
August	0.0	1.2	12.1	15.7	1.1	0.7	649
September	0.5	2.4	11.0	13.1	2.1	0.9	629
October	4.6	5.9	13.7	5.6	1.2	0.0	651
November	13.1	8.2	8.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	604
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Month	A	B	C	D	Ev	E	
	Percent of Days per Month at each PAL Value						
May	39.4	30.8	28.6	0.9	0.2	0.0	639
June	18.4	21.4	53.0	6.5	0.6	0.0	626
July	1.4	7.8	68.2	21.4	1.2	0.0	645
August	0.2	4.0	39.1	50.7	3.7	2.3	649
September	1.7	7.9	36.7	43.6	7.2	2.9	629
October	14.7	19.0	44.1	18.1	3.8	0.2	651
November	43.5	27.5	27.3	1.5	0.2	0.0	604
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Government will assess the capability of each offeror on the basis of the following criteria which are of approximately equal value: (i) Technical Approach, (ii) Capability and Past Performance, and (iii) Utilization of Local Workforce including utilization of small businesses. The Government will not assess capability on a pass/fail basis, but will use its assessments of capability as a basis for comparing offerors to determine best value.

(i) Technical Approach. The Government will evaluate each offeror's technical approach on the basis of its written Technical Proposal addressing the following subfactors:

(A) Plan of Operations. Offeror's plan of operations for both timber removal and stewardship project work, including its timeline and the rationale for work activities to ensure all contractual work will be completed by the termination date.

(B) Quality Control Plan. Offeror's quality control plan for both the harvesting and the stewardship projects.

(C) Supervision. Qualifications and resumes of Offeror's contract manager and on-the-ground supervisor.

(D) Equipment. Capability of the equipment Offeror proposes to use to accomplish this contract.

(E) Production Capability. Offeror's production capability to accomplish this contract within the time allowed.

(ii) Capability and Past Performance. Experience is the opportunity to learn by doing. The Government will evaluate each offeror's organizational experience on the basis of its breadth, its depth, and its relevance to the work that will be required under the prospective contract.

(A) Key Personnel. Describe the experience of your key personnel who will be working on this contract.

(B) Subcontractors. Provide a list of subcontractors you propose to use on this contract and the work activities proposed for subcontracting. Describe subcontractor's past performance and provide a list of similar contracts that your subcontractors have performed in the past three years. The Government will evaluate the organizational experience of the offeror's proposed key subcontractors.

(C) Past Performance. Past performance is a measure of the degree to which an offeror satisfied its customers in the past and complied with Federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Submit a list of similar contracts that your firm has performed in the past

three years. The Government will contact some of each offeror's customers to ask whether or not that: (1) that the offeror was capable, efficient, and effective; (2) the offeror's performance conformed to the terms and conditions of its contract (specifications); (3) finished within the contract time; (4) the offeror was reasonable and cooperative during performance; and (5) the offeror was committed to customer satisfaction. In evaluating past performance, the Government will contact some of the references provided by the offeror and other sources of information, including, but not limited to: Federal, state, and local government agencies, better business bureaus, published media, and electronic data bases.

(iii) Utilization of Local Workforce. The ability of Offerors to enhance local and small business employment opportunities will be evaluated based upon the following sub-criteria. "Place of operation" is defined as the Contractor's address for normally doing business on a year-to-year basis. Local is defined as **Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, and Sacramento** Counties:

(A) Local Hires. Offerors who submit the greatest number of local hires having a permanent place of operation closest to the work site will be given a higher rating.

(B) Prime Contractor. Offerors whose permanent place of operation is closest to the work site will be given a higher rating.

(C) Subcontractors. Offerors who submit the greatest number of subcontractors having a permanent place of operation closest to the work site will be given a higher rating.

(D) Small Businesses. Offerors who are small businesses or utilize local small business product manufacturing will be given a higher rating. A small business concern is a concern primarily engaged in the logging or forest products industry, is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in its field of operation, and together with its affiliates, does not employ more than 500 persons.