



File Code: 2430

Date: August 23, 2014

Dear Prospective Offeror:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (not public opening) at Tongass National Forest, Petersburg Supervisor's Office, 123 Scow Bay Loop Road, P.O. Box 309, Petersburg, Alaska, 99833, no later than 2:00 PM local time on or before September 23, 2014 for the **Big Thorne Stewardship Integrated Resource Timber Contract**. This contract is located within T68S, R81E, Sections 24, 25 and 36; T68S, R82E, Sections 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; T68S, R83E, Section 31; T69S, R82E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 36; T69S, R83E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; T69S, R84E, Sections 18, 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34; T70S, R82E, Section 1; T70S, R83E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35 and 36; T70S, R84E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35; T71S, R81E, Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36; T71S, R82E, Sections 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; T71S, R83E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; T71S, R84E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; T71S, R85E, Sections 18 and 31; T72S, R81E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 24; T72S, R82E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34; T72S, R83E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26; T72S, R84E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 22; T72S, R85E, Section 6; T70S, 82E, Section 1; T73S, R83E, Section 6; and T73S, R82E, Section 1; Copper River Meridian. The USGS quadrangle coverage is C-2, C-3, D-2, and D-3.

The Integrated Timber Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of five (5) mandatory restoration service type projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Tongass National Forest. The Contract also has two (2) optional service type projects. 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.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 97,716.55 MBF. The Forest Service encourages potential offerors to make their own inspection and estimate prior to offer/proposal submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:



### Mandatory Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Western Hemlock	Sawtimber	MBF	34,040.02	\$2.00	--	\$0.00	\$1.75
Western Red Cedar	Sawtimber	MBF	11,830.52	\$9.32	--	\$0.00	\$1.75
Sitka Spruce	Sawtimber	MBF	17,893.95	\$292.90	--	\$0.00	\$1.75
Alaska Cedar	Sawtimber	MBF	6,428.27	\$173.18			\$1.75

Minimum Acceptable Total Offer for Mandatory Timber Cutting Units is \$6,532,726.24

#### Only the Fixed Rate Applies

Western Hemlock Utility	Pulpwood	MBF	21,796.01	\$2.00	--	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sitka Spruce Utility	Pulpwood	MBF	5,727.78	\$2.00	--	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total	MBF	97,716.55			\$0.00	\$123,168.39

A bid guarantee is not required.

Offerors are required to submit a **Best Value Unit Rate** Offering 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 for Integrated Resource Contract (FS-2400-14BV). 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 and all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Offeror shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.**

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Ketchikan Supervisor's Office on September 9, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

If you want general information on this contract, call the Timber Staff at the Thorne Bay Ranger District Office at (907) 828-3304. If you want further information on the prospectus, solicitation, and the restorative service projects contact me at (907) 772-5879.

To access the contract, go to: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R10/Tongass/BTSC>

Sincerely,

/s/ TED SANDHOFER  
 TED SANDHOFER  
 Contracting Officer