



Dear Prospective Offeror:

Date: February 6, 2014

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at the Klamath Falls Office, 2819 Dahlia St., Suite A, Klamath Falls, OR, 97601 no later than 10:00 AM local time on or before March 24, 2014 for the Jo Stewardship Contract. The contract area is located within T. 30 S., R. 11 E.; Sec.19,20,21,22,27,28,29,30,31,32,33; T. 31 S., R. 11 E. Sec. 6; W.M. Surveyed, Klamath County, Oregon. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is December 31, 2017.

The Forest Service will hold a pre-bid conference and site visit of the contract area on February 11, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Chemult Ranger District office located in Chemult, 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 three Mandatory Stewardship projects and one Optional 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. The mandatory and optional projects are shown below:

Project #	Mandatory(M) or Optional (O)	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	M	Aspen Thinning and Handpiling	Acres	65
002	M	Stocking Level Control and Sectioning and Lopping in Previously Harvested Units.	Acres	107
003	O	Stocking Level Control and Sectioning and Lopping in Jo Stew Units.	Acres	1004
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Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity in this contract is 23,413.00 Tons. The Forest Service encourages potential Offeror 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 Advertised Rate	Base Rate	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	Ton	9,560.00	12.0	\$9.82	\$0.30	1.55	0.00
White Fir	Sawtimber	Ton	13,646.00	11.0	\$9.82	\$0.30	1.55	0.00
Lodgepole Pine and Other Coniferous species	Sawtimber	Ton	207.00	11.0	\$9.82	\$0.30	1.55	0.00
All Species	Grn.. Bio CV	Ton				\$0.01		
Total		Ton	23413.00					

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is **\$229,915.66** for biddable species.

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 Chemult Ranger District 110500 Hwy 97 North, Chemult, OR (541-365-7001), or the Fremont-Winema N.F. Supervisors Office, 1301 S. G St., Lakeview, OR (541-947-6249), or the Klamath Falls Office, 2819 Dahlia St., Suite A, Klamath Falls, OR (541-883-6714), or calling Contracting Officer Judd Lehman at 541-891-1202. 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
Contracting Officer