

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Black River Falls, Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE
Timber for Sale - Invitation for Bids

Sealed bids will be received by the Black River State Forest Superintendent at the Black River State Forest Headquarters (Castle Mound), W10325 Hwy 12, Black River Falls, Wisconsin; up to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015. A cut forest products sale prospectus, map, bid forms and detailed information on each tract can be obtained by the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/salesBlackRiver.html> or by contacting the Forest Superintendent at the above address, or by calling 715-284-4106.

Results from the bid opening and information on any un-sold tracts can be obtained by checking our website or calling the number listed above. Tracts not sold on March 9, 2015 will be available for re-bid up to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015.

The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened publicly at the Black River State Forest Headquarters (Castle Mound), Black River Falls, at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015 and Monday, March 16, 2015.

Tract Information

There are two (2) tracts of cut forest products for sale in T20N-R2W. The tracts contain an estimated 1775 tons of pine and hardwood pulp cut to approximately 104" lengths.

These timber sales are certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) as responsibly managed (license code FSC-C006979) and to the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) program. Forest products from this sale (or these sales) may be claimed as "FSC-100%" under certificate SCS-FM/COC-00070N or "100% SFI certified" under certificate NSF-1Y941-SF7.

Bidding Requirements

All bids must be submitted on a Department Timber Sale Bid Form (**updated 2014 version 2400-49**) and shall include the following:

1. Tract number
2. List of all species to be cut, utilization specifications (4" top or whole tree), and estimated volumes as listed on the timber sale prospectus.
3. Bid price per unit for each species and product listed.
4. Check off the type of performance bond to be used in the appropriate box on the bid form.
5. Signature, address and phone number of bidder. E-mail contact information is optional.
6. No lump sum bids will be accepted on this bid opening.
7. **At any time prior to the reading aloud of any bids for a particular sale, bidders may withdraw their bid from consideration. This can be done in person or by written instruction to the Superintendent or DNR Forester conducting the bid opening.**

****No Bid Bonds are required for this bid opening. However, if the winning bidder fails to execute the contract and submit an acceptable performance bond, the bidder shall be required to forfeit to the department an amount equal to 10% of the total bid amount. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in the bidder being considered ineligible to bid on any state timber sales for a two-year period.**

Note: Persons desiring to bid on more than one tract must submit a separate bid sheet for each tract. Pre-filled bid sheets are available for each tract on the website or from the forester. The advertised value (per ton) is provided as a reference value only – a bid on each species at its advertised value will automatically meet the minimum sale value when all species are added together (based on 4" top). Bids must meet or exceed the minimum acceptable bid listed for the entire sale to be valid.

All sawlog volumes are included with the tonnage volume estimates. All wood will be scaled by the ton or converted to tons (from either cords or board feet) by the conversion rates in the prospectus.

Additional Requirements

Performance Bond of 20% of the total bid value is required at the signing of a timber sale contract. **This must be done within 6 weeks of the bid opening, and before any hauling can be done.** An Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued as a Performance Bond will be required to be 3 months in length. Letters of Credit for sales awarded this bid opening should be written to expire on **June 9, 2015. Alternatively, the purchaser has the option to pre-pay for haul tickets instead of submitting a performance bond. These tickets would need to be purchased in bundles of 10 or more at a time and must be paid for and have the check clear, before hauling can commence.**

Worker's Compensation Law: The contractor (purchaser) shall provide the Department with an original Certificate of Insurance indicating that Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage is provided for all of the contractor's (purchaser's) employees working under the contract during its duration. This shall be in the Department's file prior to any performance under the contract. The purchaser shall notify the Department in writing, immediately upon any change in or cancellation of insurance coverage required under the contract.

Payments: Timber will not be removed from any sale area until paid for or a satisfactory guarantee for payment is made. However, qualifying contractors have the option to sign a contract under the deferred payment program. Under this option, payment shall be received at the payment lock box in Milwaukee or by the DNR Forester within 30 days from billing. (**Deferred payment is not allowed unless a performance bond is submitted.**)

Late payment—Failure to pay within the 30-day period shall result in:

- The contractor being required to prepay stumpage on the remainder of the sale.
- The payment breach being documented by forwarding the contractor's name to the County Forest Specialist in Madison.
- A 1.5% every 30 days late interest penalty being assessed on stumpage due.

Training Requirement: The purchaser is responsible for ensuring that the actual logging contractor complies with the Wisconsin SFI training standard as adopted by the SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standards can be found at the Web site: www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards.html, or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser must provide documentation to Seller that training has been attained.

Additional information and forms for bidding, including pre-filled bid sheets, can be obtained from the Forester, Black River State Forest, W10325 Hwy 12, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, 54615 or at our website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/salesBlackRiver.html>

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NOTE: An updated 2014 Bid form (2400-49A) is enclosed. Feel free to make your own copies if you need more.

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