General Sale Conditions

1. Contracts will not be allowed to continue for longer than a four-year period.

2. Cutting on these areas shall be completed during the contract period. Contract extensions will be granted only when the sale operator can show just cause for an extension. Extensions may then be granted by the Department of Natural Resources or its authorized representative for six-month periods. A 5% penalty will be assessed for the first extension. All stumpage prices will be increased an additional 10% for the second extension and all additional extensions.

3. Whenever a sale area is divided into two or more cutting zones, one zone must be completed before cutting may begin on another zone, unless otherwise specified under special conditions.

4. Permission to cut in more than one cutting zone at a time will be granted only upon proof of hardship by the operator. If approval is granted, the operator will be required to furnish an additional performance bond prior to cutting.

5. No disturbance will be permitted within any wildlife openings as designated on the individual sale maps.

6. Logging debris must not be left on wood landing sites. Debris must be spread evenly over the cutting area concurrently with hauling.

Bidding and Financing

1. All bids must be submitted on a Department "Timber Sale Bid" form.

2. All species, product volumes, and minimum top diameters of utilization for each species must be included on the bid form.

3. Winning bidders will have 6 weeks from the date of the bid opening to submit an acceptable performance bond to the department. 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.

4. Assurance bonds or letters of credit must be presented prior to signing of the contract; EXPIRATION DATE FOR ASSURANCE BONDS OR LETTERS OF CREDIT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 4 YEARS FROM CONTRACT BEGINNING DATE.

5. Upon completion of the sale, the performance bond may either be refunded or withheld in total or in part as liquidated damage according to the conditions of the sale. Performance bonds cannot be applied toward final stumpage payment.

6. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked "Bid for Timber Stumpage" with the sale number on the outside.

7. The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Utilization

1. All trees designated for cutting that will make one or more 100-inch pulpwood sticks to the minimum top diameter chosen by the bidder will be cut.

2. All timber marked or designated for cutting will be utilized whether or not the quantity is more or less than the estimated.

3. All merchantable wood bulldozed out during road construction must be utilized.

Scaling

1. All hardwoods, except aspen, will be scaled to a 10-inch top diameter as sawlogs unless obviously unfit. All white pine, red pine, and white spruce will be scaled to an 8-inch top diameter as sawlogs unless obviously unfit. Wood that is unfit for sawlogs will be scaled as pulpwood to the minimum top utilization diameter chosen by the bidder.

2. Most logs will be haul ticketed and scaled by the sawmill. In some cases logs will be yarded for scaling. If logs are decked, the log lengths will be marked on the small end of the log with lumber crayon.

3. All pulpwood will be hauled with the haul ticket system. If there is a need to field scale, contact the administrating forester. Piles will be level and square with at least 2 cords per pile.

4. When peeled cordwood is scaled, 12.5% will be added to hand peeled volume, 16% to ring debarked volume, and 25% to other machine peeled volume to determine equivalent unpeeled volume.

5. Sawbolt cordwood will be converted to MBF using a cord equivalent of 2.44 cords per MBF for pine and 2.20 cords per MBF for hardwoods.

6. Sawbolts must be separated from pulpwood for scaling and billing purposes.

7. All wood, irrespective of top diameter, harvested from the sale area must be accounted for and payment made.

Roads and Camps

1. Locations of roads and camps must be approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

2. Road entrances must be cleaned up of all roots, stumps, and down trees at time of construction and kept neat and in good repair during the contract period.

3. No camps will be permitted on any of the lakes or rivers or within sight of any town, county, or state road in the sale areas, nor will construction of any roads or trails be permitted to any of the lakes or rivers in the sale areas.

4. Camps and sale roads will be kept neat, clean, and free of garbage, oilcans, plastic bottles, and miscellaneous trash throughout the contract period.

5. All camps will be of a temporary type only. No permanent residence of any kind will be permitted on timber sale areas.

6. All new roads leading off of federal, state, and county highways require a written permit prior to construction. Driveway approaches in the towns of Arbor Vitae and St. Germain require a driveway permit. Permits also require rock to be placed off town road edge.

Aesthetic Areas

1. Aesthetic areas of timber will be left along all federal, state, county, and town roads and along all lakes and streams in the sale area.

2. Trees to be cut within aesthetic areas will be marked with yellow or orange paint. Trees to be cut within aesthetic areas may also be designated under special sale conditions.

3. Slash resulting from cutting in these areas will be lopped and/or scattered to lie within two feet of the ground concurrently with the cutting operation.

4. Slash within all roadside aesthetic areas will be pulled back at least ten feet inside of the tree line concurrently with cutting.

5. Wood landings will not be permitted within aesthetic areas unless specific permission is given.

Worker's Compensation Law Certificate

A certificate of insurance showing proof of "Worker's Compensation Law" compliance is required to be in the Department file prior to the beginning of any work on a contract area. The certificate on file must cover the contract period and all employees working on the sale area.

Procedure for Submitting Bids

All bids must be submitted on Department Timber Sale Bid Form and shall include the following:

1. Tract number.

2. List of all tree species and products to be cut.

3. Bid price per volume unit for the minimum top diameter of utilization chosen and related volume listed herein.

4. There is no required deposit for each tract as a bid bond.

5. Check off the type of performance bond to be used in the appropriated box on the bid form.

6. Signature and address of bidder.

7. Lump sum bids will not be accepted for scaled sales. Each species and product on the sale's prospectus will need a value assigned to the volume. The total minimum bid value must be met or exceeded to be a valid bid.

8. Persons desiring to bid on more than one tract must submit separate bids on each tract.

Additional information, special sale conditions, maps, sample contracts, and bid forms can be obtained from the Forest Superintendent, Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, 4125 Forest Headquarters Road, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512.

The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids will be opened publicly at the Boulder Junction Community Center at 1:30 p.m. on the dates specified at the beginning of this notice.

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