

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE TIMBER SALES

Invitation for Bids on Timber Stumpage

Sealed bids for the sale of five (5) tracts of timber stumpage located on the Peshtigo River State Forest and scattered State Lands in Marinette and Oconto Counties will be received at the DNR Peshtigo Service Center, 101 N Ogden Road, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, up to **9:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, May 27, 2009**, and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter. The State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bids they deem most reliable.

TRAINING REQUIREMENT

The purchaser shall ensure that the actual logging contractor engaged in performance of this contract complies with the Wisconsin SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee. Criteria for the standard can be found at the website www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that the training has been attained prior to initiating sale.

FOREST CERTIFICATION

Sales are certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) – Certificate # SCS-FM/COC-00070N and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) – Certificate # NSF-SFIS-1Y941-S1.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

All bids must be submitted on a Department Timber Sale Bid Form (2400-049) and sealed in an envelope clearly marked on the outside - **“SEALED BID – TIMBER STUMPAGE”**. Persons desiring to bid on more than one tract must submit a separate bid and separate bid bond for each tract.

State sales require that the minimum total bid price be met or exceeded. An acceptable bid must have a price for each specie and product listed on every sale, but only the total has to meet the minimum total bid price to be accepted as a valid bid. In the case of a tie bid, the bidders must resubmit new bids within three days. Failure to resubmit bids will invalidate the original bid and the sale will be awarded to the other bidders.

Bids shall include the following information:

1. Tract number OR advertised job number.
2. List of all species to be cut and estimated volumes as listed on the timber sale prospectus and a bid price per unit for each species and product listed.
3. **BID BOND**— A minimum of **10 percent** of the total bid for the tract must accompany the bid.
The Bid Bond can be in the form of a certified check, cashier’s check, bank money order, or irrevocable letter of credit made payable to the State of Wisconsin DNR. The Bid Bond of the successful bidder will be deposited, or may be returned to the contractor if an Assurance Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit is used for the 25% performance bond is received within 3 working days of the bid opening. The bid bond will be forfeited if the successful bidder fails to sign the contract within thirty (30) days. Unsuccessful bidders will have their checks and letters returned after the bidding. A personal check bid bond does not constitute a proper bid bond until the check has been cashed. If the check is returned for non-sufficient funds, the bid bond shall not be accepted and the sale shall be awarded to the next highest bidder.
4. Check off the type of performance bond to be used in the appropriate box on the bid form.
5. Signature and address of bidder.
6. Lump sum bids will not be accepted.

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 DNR Forester conducting the bid opening.

TRACT INFORMATION

There are five (5) tracts of timber comprising 254 acres for sale in Marinette and Oconto Counties. Individual sale prospectuses and maps are attached.

JOB #1: Verhaven Road Sale (TRACT 01-08)

Menominee River Natural Resource Area, Marinette County

Timber stumpage located in Section 17, T36N-R22E, Town of Beecher, 26 acres.

Estimated volume: 225 cords aspen, 40 cords mixed hardwood, and 10 cords balsam fir.

JOB #2: Boat Landing Sale (TRACT 04-08)

Menominee River Natural Resource Area, Marinette County

Timber stumpage located in Section 31, T37N R22E, & Section 6, T36N R22E, Town of Pembine, 23 acres.

Estimated volume: 215 cords aspen, 110 cords and 8.4 MBF mixed hardwood, and 75 cords balsam fir.

JOB #3: Deer Trail Aspen Sale (TRACT 02-08)

Pike Wild River Property, Marinette County

Timber stumpage located in Sections 12,13,14, T35N-R20E, Town of Amberg, 65 acres total.

Estimated volume: 675 cords aspen, 180 cords + 9 MBF mixed hardwood, and 70 cords balsam fir.

JOB #4: Two Lakes Timber Sale (TRACT 04-08)

Peshtigo River State Forest, Marinette County

Timber stumpage located in Section 2, T32N-R18E, Town of Stephenson, 104 acres.

Estimated volume: 900 cords oak, 500 cords jack pine, 300 cords red pine, 50 cords aspen, 50 cords mixed hardwood.

JOB #5: Rush Point Sale (TRACT 01-09)

Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area, Oconto County

Timber stumpage located in Section 28, T29N-R22E, Town of Little River, 36 acres.

Estimated volume: 250 cords aspen, 115 cords mixed hardwoods, 50 cords cottonwood.

MINIMUM CUTTING SPECIFICATIONS

(See individual sale prospectuses for additional requirements.)

1. Utilize all trees to at least a 4-inch top diameter.
2. Trees that become hung up in trees designated not to be cut must be removed with logging equipment.
3. No tops are to be left hung up.
4. All slash is to be lopped to within 30 inches of the ground, unless specified otherwise. All state slash laws must be observed, particularly along any streams, state or county highways, town or county forest roads, power line right-of-way, designated snowmobile trails and private property. No slash across property lines (blue lines).
5. Where necessary, care and caution must be exercised to prevent damage to any residual species.
6. Trees designated not to be cut may not be removed for any reason without permission from Wisconsin DNR.
7. All landing locations and wood access roads need prior approval before construction begins.
8. Woods roads, trails, and landings shall be restored to contract specifications prior to sale closeout.
9. Other specifications shall apply to specific sales as noted in individual sale prospectus.

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

(A sample State of Wisconsin Timber Sales Contract is available for review prior to bidding.)

1. Be sure to read all of the conditions for each sale carefully; each sale has individual specifications.
2. Maintenance of Worker's Compensation Certificate, including proof that she/he had Worker's Compensation Insurance at the time she/he is awarded the contract. This insurance must cover the contract period (including extensions) and all employees on the sale area. Contractors claiming an exemption from the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act must provide proof she/he is not required to have it. The successful bidder must apply to the Department of Revenue for exemption from sales tax on stumpage using the Wisconsin Resale Certificate Form indicating "wholesale only" in the space for seller's permit number. The Department of Natural Resources must have a copy of this application on file.
3. Maintenance of a 25% performance bond is required (i.e. surety bond, letter of credit) for length of contact. The 10% bid down payment may be used toward this bond with another 15% of the total bid added to it before the contract signing. In place of the 25% bond, an irrevocable letter of credit for the 25% amount will be accepted. The performance bond or letter of credit shall be held as evidence of the bidder's intention to faithfully carry out the provisions of the contract.
4. Volume to be cut is estimated but not guaranteed. If the volume of timber exceeds the estimate, as a whole or by species, the purchaser has the obligation to cut it and remove it paying the unit bid price. If there is less timber than estimated, there is no obligation of the landowner to make up the "shortage". The purchaser pays for actual scale. Estimate of cut volumes will be determined by actual scale on the sale area or by mill scale as specified in the contract.
5. The State will convert any mill weight scales to cordwood volume using the State weight conversions by species as listed in the Timber Sale Handbook 2461 for billing purposes. Please request the State conversions if you have any question.
6. The use of Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality (BMP's) is required on all State Lands. For information and to obtain a field manual detailing these BMP's, contact your local DNR Forester.
7. Satisfactory compliance of all requirements and specifications listed in the contract, including:
 - ✓ Requirement that the actual logging contractor complies with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC).
 - ✓ Beginning with contracts dated January 1, 2004 and later, the State of Wisconsin will continue the trial payment policy. Payments for scaled wood or haul ticket wood leaving the job must be received within 30 days. If a payment is later than 30 days, then a late interest penalty will apply. Violations of payment provisions will result in contractor having to pre-pay for the remainder of that particular sale. A violation for that contractor will also be logged onto the pre-payment only list, which will require all payments on state timber sales be pre-paid for a two year time period. Successful completion of pre-payments for 2 years will remove the contractor from the list and they can again have a 30-day payment privilege. No advance stumpage is required.
 - ✓ The cutting of all trees on the timber sale map, which is part of the contract.
 - ✓ Liability to pay double the mill value payments for unmarked or undesignated timber cut or damaged through negligence or carelessness.
 - ✓ Scaling requests can be made for a minimum of 20 cord equivalents unless noted otherwise.
 - ✓ We will continue the policy change in the extension of expired contracts. The first six month extension will have a 5% increase of bid value and any subsequent extensions will include an additional 10% increase per extension. Please consider this when bidding and scheduling timber sale work on State Lands.