

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE TIMBER SALES

Invitation for Bids on Timber Stumpage

Sealed bids will be received at the **DNR Peshtigo Service Center, 101 N Ogden Road - Suite A, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, 54157**, up to **1:00 p.m.*** on **Wednesday, June 27, 2012**, and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter for timber stumpage listed in this prospectus. 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. **Please note that mail is not received at the DNR office until sometimes after 1:00 p.m., so plan accordingly if mailing bids to ensure they are received by the bid opening date and time.*

TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Successful purchasers of timber stumpage on State Lands 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. Purchaser agrees to provide documentation that the training has been attained prior to initiating the sale. Criteria for the standard can be found at the website <http://fistausa.org> or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA).

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 form 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 species 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. 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. The Bid Bond of the successful bidder will be deposited, and 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.
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.

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.

ANNOSUM ROOT ROT TREATMENT (Required on some timber sales)

Annosum Root Rot is a serious disease that is causing conifer mortality in at least 23 confirmed counties in Wisconsin, mainly by infecting freshly cut stump surfaces in pine, spruce and fir stands. Once the disease exists in a stand, it is very difficult to control, and prevention of this disease is the best approach. New conifer timber sales are requiring the Contractor to complete Annosum Root Rot Disease control work within the timber sale. Control work is required year-round, must be performed by a Certified Pesticide Applicator, and involves chemically treating all fresh-cut stumps by applying either SPORAX or CELLU-TREAT product and dye to all conifer stumps within 24 hours of tree cutting. See the individual sale prospectus to determine if this treatment is needed. The SPORAX or CELLU-TREAT will **NOT** be provided to the Contractor for these advertised sales. *A formal State policy for this treatment is pending. If State policy changes to become less restrictive, the less restrictive guidelines may apply.

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

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

- ✓ Each sale has individual specifications. Be sure to read all of the conditions and requirements listed on each individual sale map carefully. Contact the DNR Forester listed for each sale if you have questions prior to bidding.
- ✓ Maintenance of a Worker's Compensation Certificate for 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 they are not required to have it.
- ✓ Maintenance of a 25% performance bond is required (i.e. surety bond, letter of credit) for length of contract, as evidence of the bidder's intention to faithfully carry out the provisions of the contract. The 10% bid bond may be used toward this bond, with additional bond payment made prior to contract signing. In place of the bond, an irrevocable letter of credit will be accepted.
- ✓ Wisconsin's Best Management Practices for Water Quality (BMP's), Best Management Practices for Invasive Species, and Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines must be followed on all DNR timber sales. Copies of each are available from the DNR.
- ✓ 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 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.
- ✓ The State will convert any mill weight scales to cordwood volume for billing purposes, using the State weight conversions by species (available upon request) as listed in the Timber Sale Handbook.
- ✓ Payments for scaled or haul ticket wood must be received within 30 days of billing. If a payment is later than 30 days, a late interest penalty will apply. Violations of payment provisions will result in the contractor having to pre-pay for the remainder of that particular sale. A violation will also add that contractor to a pre-payment only list, which requires all payments on state timber sales be pre-paid for a two year time period.
- ✓ Contracts are for 2-years, unless noted. The first six month extension of an expiring contract will have a 5% increase of bid value and any subsequent extensions will include an additional 10% increase per extension, unless noted otherwise.
- ✓ Trees designated not to be cut may not be removed for any reason without permission from Wisconsin DNR. All landing locations and wood access roads need prior approval before construction begins. Woods roads, trails, and landings shall be restored to contract specifications prior to sale closeout. Unless noted, all slash shall be lopped and scattered. No slash shall be left hung-up.

TIMBER SALE TRACT INFORMATION

Individual sale maps and bid forms are attached. Please review individual sales carefully for harvest requirements, restrictions, scale method, access issues, and other sale details.

JOB #1: Bizjak Lane Timber Sale (TRACT 3810-05-10) – Field Scale (except chips/grindings)

Property: Peshtigo River State Forest

Contact Forester: Dan Mertz – (715) 757-3965

Location: Town of Stephenson (Sections 15 & 16, T32N R19E), Marinette County

- ✓ 159 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 1800 cords oak (10% dead, 30% sawbolts)
 - 600 cords mixed hardwood
 - 250 cords aspen
 - 100 cords red pine (includes 10 cords of jack pine)
 - 20 MBF red oak
 - 180 tons mixed hardwood chips
- ✓ The northern red oak shelterwood part of this sale requires that all trees 2" dbh and larger are harvested (except those marked with green paint). The entire cut tree, including branches, must be removed from site.
- ✓ Harvesting and road building may only occur between October 1st and April 1st.
- ✓ Annosum treatment required for pine stumps.
- ✓ The only access to remove wood is through private land. The Bizjak and Huss Access Agreements (part of the bid package), must be used by the contractor.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$64,232.00

JOB #2: Pipe Line Timber Sale (TRACT 3810-01-11) – Field Scale

Property: Peshtigo River State Forest

Contact Forester: Dan Mertz – (715) 757-3965

Location: Town of Lakewood (Section 1, T33N R17E), Oconto County

Town of Silver Cliff (Section 36, T34N R17E and Section 31, T34N R18E), Marinette County

- ✓ 137 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 700 cords red pine
 - 650 cords aspen
 - 550 cords scrub oak
 - 290 cords jack pine
 - 50 cords mixed hardwood
- ✓ Harvesting may only occur in red pine plantations between July 15th and April 15th.
- ✓ Harvesting may only occur in clearcut areas between October 1st and April 15th.
- ✓ Annosum treatment required for pine stumps.
- ✓ All aspen 2" DBH and larger must be cut.
- ✓ No soil disturbance allowed within 200 feet of river. Frozen ground harvesting may be required.
- ✓ No skidding, decking or loading is allowed on the snowmobile trail during the snow season.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$77,345.00

JOB #3: Eagle Road Timber Sale (TRACT 3810-02-11) – Field Scale

Property: Peshtigo River State Forest

Contact Forester: Dan Mertz – (715) 757-3965

Location: Town of Stephenson (Sections 1 & 2, T33N R18E), Marinette County

- ✓ 33 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 250 cords red pine (includes 20 cords jack pine)
 - 30 cords scrub oak (includes 5 cords aspen)
- ✓ During spring and summer, all pine must be hauled within 2 weeks of being cut.
- ✓ The "No Ground Disturbance" area shown on the map may have to be harvested when the ground is frozen.
- ✓ Annosum treatment required for pine stumps.
- ✓ The firebreak/logging road on the west side may be used for skidding and hauling. If the contractor wishes to use Evan Hill Road, he must contact the owners since it is a private road.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$13,194.00

JOB #4: Nutt Road Oak Sale (TRACT 3819-05-11) – Field Scale (all volume scaled as pulp)

Property: Pike Wild River

Contact Forester: Chad Gottbeheit – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9150

Location: Town of Amberg (Section 19, T35N R20E), Marinette County

- ✓ 20 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 290 cords oak
 - 55 cords aspen
 - 35 cords mixed hardwood
 - 10 cords fuelwood
- ✓ Harvesting may only occur between October 15 and March 31.
- ✓ No tree length skidding.
- ✓ Access to timber north of the Pike River will need to be constructed by the contractor; the driveway south of the sale area may not be used. The timber south of the Pike River has access off Nutt Road.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$12,095.00

JOB #5: Elf Aspen Sale (TRACT 3819-07-11) – Field Scale

Property: Pike Wild River

Contact Forester: Chad Gottbeheit – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9150

Location: Town of Amberg (Section 17, T35N R20E), Marinette County

- ✓ 14 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 130 cords aspen
 - 60 cords balsam fir (includes spruce and white pine)
 - 30 cords mixed hardwood
 - 2 MBF red oak
- ✓ Harvesting may only occur between October 15 and March 31.
- ✓ No tree length skidding.
- ✓ Access to the timber is off Dow Dam Road.
- ✓ Care must be used to protect areas of non-merchantable fir. The sale administrator may require residual fir with broken tops to be cut.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$5,737.50

JOB #6: NBC Ln Sale (TRACT 3819-08-11) – Field Scale

Property: Pike Wild River

Contact Forester: Chad Gottbeheit – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9150

Location: Town of Amberg (Sections 19 and 20, T35N R20E), Marinette County

- ✓ 32 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 175 cords oak
 - 140 cords aspen
 - 20 cords mixed hardwood
- ✓ Harvesting may only occur between October 15 and March 31.
- ✓ No tree length skidding.
- ✓ Access to the timber is off NBC Ln.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$8,877.50

JOB #7: Timber Demo Forest Sale (TRACT 3820-01-12) – Field Scale

Property: Wausaukee Timber Demonstration Forest

Contact Forester: Joe Schwantes – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9153

Location: Town of Wausaukee (Section 22, T34N R21E), Marinette County

- ✓ 39 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 75 cords + 120 MBF white pine
 - 45 cords aspen
 - 40 cords mixed hardwood
 - 20 cords + 8 MBF red pine
 - 5 cords balsam fir
- ✓ Annosum treatment required for conifer stumps.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$16,046.00

JOB #8: Dunbar East Sale (TRACT 3804-02-11) – Field Scale

Property: Dunbar Wildlife Area

Contact Forester: Bruce Djupstrom – DNR Pembine – (715) 324-5492

Location: Town of Goodman (Section 21, T37N R18E), Marinette County

- ✓ 52 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 330 cords & 38 MBF oak
 - 280 cords mixed hardwood
 - 270 cords aspen
- ✓ Frozen ground harvesting restrictions. All wood must be removed by March 31.
- ✓ Cut all trees >2" DBH except white pine, red pine, and trees marked with green paint.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$13,970.00

JOB #9: Verhayen Too Sale (TRACT 3808-03-11) – Field Scale

Property: Menominee River Natural Resource Area

Contact Forester: Bruce Djupstrom – DNR Pembine – (715) 324-5492

Location: Towns of Beecher and Pembine (Sections 8& 17, T36N R22E), Marinette County

- ✓ 70 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 220 cords aspen
 - 45 cords spruce
 - 35 cords mixed hardwood
 - 20 cords white pine
 - 15 cords balsam fir
- ✓ Frozen ground harvesting restrictions.
- ✓ Road will be kept clear at all times, with slash pulled at least 50-feet from the road.
- ✓ Annosum treatment required for conifer stumps.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$5,974.00

JOB #10: Beaver Creek 33rd Road Sale (TRACT 3806-06-11) – Lump Sum Sale

Property: North Branch Beaver Creek Fishery Area

Contact Forester: Joe Schwantes – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9153

Location: Town of Beaver (Sections 10, 11, 13 and 14, T31N R19E), Marinette County

- ✓ 67 acres (4 cutting units) of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 750 cords + 37 MBF mixed hardwood
 - 650 cords aspen
 - 70 cords balsam fir (includes 10 cords spruce)
 - 60 cords + 6 MBF (70% scrub + 30% red) oak
 - 25 cords white pine (includes 3 cords cedar)
- ✓ Frozen ground harvesting restrictions. Non-merchantable >2" DBH must be cut.
- ✓ Contractor is responsible for obtaining private ownership access to access north cutting units.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$39,835.50

JOB #11: Lone 40 Sale (TRACT 3806-02-12) – Field Scale

Property: North Branch Beaver Creek Fishery Area

Contact Forester: Steve Kaufman – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9157

Location: Town of Beaver (Section 9, T31N R19E), Marinette County

- ✓ 15 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 130 cords oak (80% red and scrub, 20% white)
 - 120 cords mixed hardwood (4% aspen and birch)
 - 30 MBF oak (65% scrub, 24% red, 10% white)
 - 15 MBF mixed hardwood
- ✓ Oak wilt restrictions – no cutting April 1 to July 15.
- ✓ Dry or frozen ground restrictions.
- ✓ Contractor responsible for obtaining access through private ownership.
- ✓ *Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$10,815.00*

JOB #12: Parking Lot Sale (TRACT 3806-03-12) – Field Scale

Property: North Branch Beaver Creek Fishery Area

Contact Forester: Steve Kaufman – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9157

Location: Town of Beaver (Sections 2 & 3, T31N R19E), Marinette County

- ✓ 66 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:
 - 550 cords oak (includes 10 MBF Red Oak)
 - 260 cords mixed hardwood
 - 160 cords aspen
 - 90 cords white birch (includes 6 MBF)
 - 65 cords jack pine (includes 5 cords white pine)
 - 10 cords basswood
 - 10 cords balsam fir
- ✓ No cutting April 1 to July 15 (oak wilt guidelines).
- ✓ Annosum treatment required for conifer stumps.
- ✓ Contractor is responsible for obtaining private ownership access to access east cutting units.
- ✓ Dry and/or frozen ground harvesting restrictions in some cutting units.
- ✓ Temporary stream crossing may be needed.
- ✓ Minimum Total Sale Bid: \$24,822.50