

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 **9:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, July 15, 2014**, 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.

TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Logging contractors (not necessarily the purchaser, if subcontracted) on State Lands must document compliance 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 (for State Forests) and Certificate #NSF-SFIS-1Y941-SF7 (for other DNR lands).

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

All bids must be submitted on a Department Timber Sale Bid Form (2400-049A) 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 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 all of the following information:

1. Tract number OR advertised job number.
2. List of all species to be cut, utilization specifications, estimated volumes as listed on the timber sale prospectus/map and a bid price per unit for each species and product listed.
3. **BID BOND— Trial State Timber Sale Bid Bond Waiver Policy**
A bid bond is NOT required. 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. 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 TREATMENT (Required on some timber sales)

Annosum Root Rot is a serious disease that is causing conifer mortality in at least 24 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 sale guidelines may require 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 conifer stumps by applying either SPORAX or CELLU-TREAT product and dye to all conifer stumps within 24 hours of tree cutting. See the individual timber sale tract information and map to determine if this treatment is required. The SPORAX or CELLU-TREAT will **NOT** be provided to the Contractor for these advertised sales. *If State policy changes to become less or more restrictive, the most current treatment guidelines and directives may be applied. The current guide is attached.

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 and within this prospectus 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 entire 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.
- ✓ A 25% performance bond is required for the length of contract, as evidence of the bidder's intention to faithfully carry out the provisions of the contract. The performance bond must be received within 6 weeks of the bid opening (see bid bond policy previously listed).
- ✓ 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 timber volume 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". For scaled sales, the cut volumes will be determined by field scale and/or mill scale as specified in the contract.
- ✓ Volumes are estimated and bid to a standard 4" minimum utilization standard unless indicated otherwise. The biomass suitability for each sale is noted. If utilization to a smaller diameter is desired by the contractor and approved by the property manager and forester, a price and volume estimation to account for the additional fiber harvested will be agreed upon and included in the timber sale contract payment schedule.
- ✓ Lump sum sales must be paid in full prior to harvesting. If there are multiple cutting units within a lump sum sale, the payment can be divided amongst cutting units, requiring only the active cutting units to be pre-paid.
- ✓ 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 otherwise. Cutting on these sales 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 DNR or its authorized representative for six-month periods unless stated otherwise in contract language. 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.