

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Madison, Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NORTHERN HIGHLAND-AMERICAN LEGION
STATE FOREST**

Invitation for Bids
Spring, 2009

NHAL State Forest sales are certified as Sustainable Forest Products by FSC and SFI. Our SFI number is 1Y941-S1 dated May 5, 2004. The FSC number is SCS-FM/COC-00070N dated May 3, 2004.

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Superintendent, Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest, at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, up to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009, for fifteen (15) tracts on the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest, four (4) tracts on scattered state lands, one (1) tract on the Willow Flowage.

Those tracts not sold on May 1, 2009 will be re-advertised at the fall 2009 bid opening. Any tract not sold in two bid openings may be sold directly to responsible buyers at or above the current appraised value.

Bidding will close at 1:30 p.m. at the Boulder Junction Community Center. No bids will be accepted past 1:30 p.m. on May 1 for state sales.

PROCEDURE FOR BID OPENING

The order of public reading of the timber sale bids will be done on a random basis. It will not be in tract order of first to last as in the past. At any time up until a sale is read out loud, bidders may pull their bid(s) from consideration. This can be done in person, by calling someone present at the bid opening to do this or by written instructions presented to the DNR forester conducting the bid opening procedures. It can not be done after the tract results are announced. We hope this will make a better bid process for all.

NEW TO BIDDING FOR THESE STATE TIMBER SALES

Please note that there is a minimum total bid value listed for each sale. State sales now only require a minimum total bid price be met or exceeded.

- An acceptable bid must have a price for each specie and product listed on every sale.
- Only the total has to meet the minimum total bid price advertised to be accepted as a valid bid.

Please be aware that the following items are of significant importance to successful contract compliance:

1. Be sure to read all of the conditions for each sale carefully. Failure to do so may result in financial penalties.
2. Maintenance of Worker's Compensation Certificate.
3. Maintenance of surety bond and/or letters of credit for **four (4)** full years.
4. Satisfactory compliance of all requirements and specifications listed in the contract, including:
 - A. Successful purchasers of Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest stumpage will need to ensure that the actual logging contractor complies with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). This will be

required prior to starting sale (contract signing).

- B. 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.
 - C. The cutting of all trees on the timber sale map, which is part of the contract.
 - D. Prompt and proper treatment of all slash where required. It is the responsibility of the timber contractor to spread out all landing debris (slasher ends, stumps, slash, etc.) over the sale area to within two feet of the ground concurrently with hauling.
 - E. Liability to pay double the mill value payments for unmarked or undesignated timber cut or damaged through negligence or carelessness.
 - F. All cut stringers must be skidded and utilized.
 - G. Scaling requests can be made for a minimum of 25 cords of pulpwood and/or 10 MBF of sawlogs.
 - H. All pine products cut between June 1 and September 1 each year must be removed from sale area within three (3) weeks from time of cutting.
 - I. 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 forest lands.
5. The check you submit with your bid is considered a bid bond.

Your check that you submit with your bid will be cashed and submitted to the State Treasury if you are the high bidder. Unsuccessful bidders will have these checks returned and will not be cashed. If you desire to replace your check with a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, etc., as a performance bond you must realize that the check may take up to 90 days to be refunded.

6. If chipping is to be done, notification will be made prior to cutting to determine pricing. Stumpage will be determined using the (chipped) species volume estimate and converted to a weighted average price per cord. That price will be used on all subsequent scaling of those species whether utilized as round or chipped wood. This includes all wood and bark. If wood is peeled or debarked an up charge of 12.5% will be made to the volume of merchantable wood. The bark and chipping residual will be at no charge.
7. **Fuel wood removed from harvest areas will be sold at \$2.00 per ton unless it is on the prospectus at a bid price per unit.**

Fuel wood is defined as dead trees, unmerchantable parts of trees, and wood less than 4" diameter that is utilized as fuel. Only if the harvest area is a forest production area classification can fuel wood material be utilized. Fuel wood harvest and sale will be at the discretion of the forestry supervisor.

8. 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.**

The above-listed items will continuously be scrutinized and evaluated for compliance throughout the time of the contract. Failure to comply with the above-listed or other contract conditions may result in contract closure and may jeopardize your opportunity to bid on future timber sales.

Any questions regarding NH-AL State Forest timber sales should be directed to the foresters at either the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters (715) 385-2727 or the Woodruff DNR Annex (715) 358-9242. Willow Flowage Scenic Waters property sales contact is Tom Shockley at (715) 358-9259.