

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Black River Falls, Wisconsin**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Timber for Sale
Invitation for Bids**

Sealed bids will be received by the Black River State Forest Superintendent at the DNR Service Center, 910 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, Wisconsin; up to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2011. A timber sale prospectus, map, bid forms and detailed information on each timber tract can be obtained by the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/Stateforests/SF-blackriver/BlackRiver-timber.htm> or by contacting the Forest Superintendent at the above address, or by calling 715-284-1417.

Results from the bid opening and information on any un-sold tracts can be obtained by checking our website or calling the number listed above. Tracts not sold on November 10, 2011 will be available for re-bid up to 9:30 a.m. on November 17, 2011.

Tract Information

There are six (6) tracts of timber for sale in T21N R4W; T20N R2W; T21N R2W; and T22N R3W. The tracts comprise 670 acres and contain an estimated 7,045 cords of pine and hardwood pulp.

Black River State Forest 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 and shall include the following:

1. Tract number
2. List of all species to be cut, utilization specifications (4" top or whole tree), and estimated volumes as listed on the timber sale prospectus.
3. Bid price per unit for each species and product listed.
4. **BID BOND— 15 percent** of the total bid for the tract and may be rounded off to the nearest \$10.00. The Bid Bond can be in the form of a personal check (made payable to WI DNR), cash, money order, or a bank draft. The Bid Bond of the successful bidder will be used as the Cash Performance Bond, or it may be returned to the contractor if an Assurance Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit is used for performance. This must be done within 3 working days or your check will be cashed. Unsuccessful bidders will have these checks returned and will not be cashed.
5. Check off the type of performance bond to be used in the appropriate box on the bid form.
6. Signature and address of bidder.
7. Lump sum bids will not be accepted.
8. 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 Superintendent or DNR Forester conducting the bid opening.

Note: Persons desiring to bid on more than one tract must submit a separate bid and separate deposit for each tract. The advertised value (per cord or MBF) is provided as a reference value only – a bid on each species at its advertised value will automatically meet the minimum sale value when all species are added together (based on 4" top). Bids must meet or exceed the minimum acceptable bid listed for the entire sale to be valid. Bid bonds will be forfeited by the successful bidder if the bidder fails to sign the contract within 30 days of the bid opening date.

****For this bid opening, all sawlog volumes are included with the cordwood volume estimates. All wood will be scaled as cords or converted by weight to cords. ****

Additional Requirements

Performance Bond of a minimum of \$1,000.00 or 15% of the total bid value is required at the signing of a timber sale contract. An Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued as a Performance Bond will be required to be 4 ½ years in length. Letters of Credit for sales awarded this bid opening should be written to expire on **July 1, 2016**.

Worker's Compensation Law: The contractor (purchaser) shall provide the Department with an original Certificate of Insurance indicating that Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage is provided for all of the contractor's (purchaser's) employees working under the contract during its duration. This shall be in the Department's file prior to any performance under the contract. The purchaser shall notify the Department in writing, immediately upon any change in or cancellation of insurance coverage required under the contract.

Payments: Timber will not be removed from any sale area until paid for or a satisfactory guarantee for payment is made. However, qualifying contractors have the option to sign a contract under the deferred payment program. Under this option, payment shall be received at the payment lock box in Milwaukee or by the DNR Forester within 30 days from billing.

Late payment—Failure to pay within the 30-day period shall result in:

- The contractor being required to prepay stumpage on the remainder of the sale.
- The payment breach being documented by forwarding the contractor's name to the County Forest Specialist in Madison.
- A 1.5% every 30 days late interest penalty being assessed on stumpage due.

Training Requirement: The purchaser is responsible for ensuring that the actual logging contractor complies with the Wisconsin SFI training standard as adopted by the SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standards can be found at the Web site: www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards.html, or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser must provide documentation to Seller that training has been attained.

Additional information and forms for bidding can be obtained from the Superintendent, Black River State Forest, 910 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, 54615.

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

NOTE: Bid form (2400-49) is enclosed. Feel free to make your own copies if you need more.

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