Good Neighbor Authority General Sale Conditions

1. Contracts will not be allowed to be extended for longer than a four-year period when extensions are granted.

2. Cutting on timber sale areas shall be completed during the contract period. Contract extensions past the individual contracted ending date will be granted only when the sale operator can show just cause for an extension. Extensions may then be granted by the Department of Natural Resources or its authorized representative for six-month periods. A 5% penalty will be assessed for the first extension. All stumpage prices will be increased an additional 10% for the second extension and all additional extensions.

3. Whenever a sale area is divided into two or more cutting zones, one zone must be completed before cutting may begin on another zone, unless otherwise specified under special conditions.

4. No disturbance will be permitted within any wildlife openings as designated on the individual sale maps.

5. Logging debris must not be left on wood landing sites. Debris must be spread evenly over the cutting area concurrently with hauling. Additional specific logging debris treatments may be detailed in the sale prospectus.

Bidding and Financing

1. All bids must be submitted on a Department "Timber Sale Bid" form 2400-049.

2. All species, product volumes, and minimum top diameters of utilization for each species must be included on the bid form.

3. 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 or State administered sales for a two-year period.

4. Assurance bonds or letters of credit must be presented prior to signing of the contract; EXPIRATION DATE FOR ASSURANCE BONDS OR LETTERS OF CREDIT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 4 YEARS FROM CONTRACT BEGINNING DATE.

5. Upon completion of the sale, the performance bond may either be refunded or withheld in total or in part as liquidated damage according to the conditions of the sale. Performance bonds cannot be applied toward final stumpage payment.

6. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked "Bid for Timber Stumpage" with sale number on the outside.

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

Utilization

1. All trees designated for cutting that will make one or more 100-inch pulpwood sticks to the minimum top diameter of 4 inches unless the sale contract has options for smaller utilization chosen by the bidder will be cut.

2. All timber marked or designated for cutting will be utilized to a minimum 4 inch top whether or not the quantity is more or less than the estimated.

3. All merchantable wood bulldozed out during road construction must be utilized.

Scaling

1. All hardwoods, except aspen, will be scaled to a 10-inch top diameter as sawlogs. All white pine, red pine, and white spruce will be scaled to an 8-inch top diameter as sawlogs unless obviously unfit. Wood that is unfit for sawlogs will be scaled as pulpwood to the minimum top utilization diameter. Combined or comingled products will be scaled as cordwood.

2. Most logs will be haul ticketed and scaled by the sawmill. In some cases logs will be yarded for scaling. If logs are decked, the log lengths will be marked on the small end of the log with lumber crayon.

3. All pulpwood will be hauled with the haul ticket system. If there is a need to field scale, contact the administrating forester. Piles to be field scaled will be level and square with at least 2 cords per pile.

4. When peeled cordwood is scaled, 12.5% will be added to hand peeled volume, 16% to ring debarked volume, and 25% to other machine peeled volume to determine equivalent unpeeled volume.

5. Sawbolt cordwood meeting log specifications will be converted to MBF using a cord equivalent of 2.44 cords per MBF for pine and 2.20 cords per MBF for hardwoods. All weight scaled wood products will be converted to cords using the State of Wisconsin cordwood weight conversion factors.

6. Sawbolts must be separated from pulpwood for scaling and billing purposes.

7. All wood, irrespective of top diameter, harvested from the sale area must be accounted for and payment made.

8. Lump sum sales will be billed according to the sale prospectus methods. Operational wood harvested with prior approval will be field scaled and billed at bid prices in addition to the lump sum value of the sale.

Roads and Camps

1. Locations of temporary roads and camps must be approved by the Department of Natural Resources or assigned sale administrator. Road use and maintenance specifications are detailed in the sale contract.

2. Road entrances must be cleaned up of all roots, stumps, and down trees at time of construction and kept neat and in good repair during the contract period.

3. No camps will be permitted on any of the lakes or rivers or within sight of any town, county, or state road in the sale areas, or will construction of any roads or trails be permitted to any of the lakes or rivers in the sale areas.

4. Camps and sale roads will be kept neat, clean, and free of garbage, oilcans, plastic bottles, and miscellaneous trash throughout the contract period.

5. All camps will be of a temporary type only. No permanent residence of any kind will be permitted on timber sale areas.

6. All roads approaching of federal, state and county highways and township roads require a 100 feet long, 6 inches deep gravel surface if hauling during non-frozen conditions.

Aesthetic Area

1. Trees to be cut or leave within aesthetic areas may also be designated under special sale conditions.

2. Slash resulting from cutting in these areas will be lopped and/or scattered to lie within two feet of the ground concurrently with the cutting operation. More restrictive site specific sale slash specifications to follow would be detailed in the sale prospectus.

3. Slash within all roadside aesthetic areas will be pulled back at least ten feet inside of the tree line concurrently with cutting.

4. Wood landings will not be permitted within aesthetic areas unless specific permission is given.

Worker's Compensation Law Certificate

A certificate of insurance showing proof of "Worker's Compensation Law" compliance is required to be in the Department file prior to the beginning of any work on a contract area. The certificate on file must cover the contract period and all employees working on the sale area.

Procedure for Submitting Bids

All bids must be submitted on Department Timber Sale Bid Form and shall include the following:

1. Tract number.

2. List of all tree species and products to be cut.

3. Bid price per volume unit for each species and product is required. No zero bids will be accepted for a product. Minimum bid price total must be met or exceeded. Math errors will be checked and corrected.

4. No bid bond is required.

5. Check off the type of performance bond to be used in the appropriated box on the bid form.

6. Signature and address of bidder.

7. Persons desiring to bid on more than one tract must submit separate bids on each tract with separate bid forms filled out for each tract.

Additional information, special sale conditions, maps, sample contracts, and bid forms can be obtained from the National Forest Liaison from the East or West Area. Contact information is listed in the timber sale documents.

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

Bids will be opened publicly at the designated locationa at 1:30 p.m. on the dates specified on the timber sale notice.

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