

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry
Madison, Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE

Good Neighbor Authority Timber Sales
Sales Established under agreement with the USFS,
Nicolet-Chequamegon National Forest
Invitation for Bids
April 2016

Sealed bids will be received by the National Forest Liaisons to the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), at the Lakewood FS Office and the WDNR Hayward Service Center locations on **Wednesday, April 6, 2016**, for 2 tracts on the east Nicolet National Forest part (Lakewood District) and 6 tracts on the west Chequamegon National Forest part (Great Divide and Medford Districts) of the CNNF.

Bids for the two Districts (East and West) are to be mailed or hand delivered to the separate offices. Addresses are listed below.

Bidding will close at 1:30 p.m. at each location. No bids will be accepted past 1:30 p.m. for GNA state sales.

The bids will be opened at the same time (1:30p.m.) in these two different locations. You are welcome to attend either site's opening procedure.

Those tracts not sold on **Wednesday**, will be re-advertised at the next GNA bid opening later in 2016. Any tract not sold in two bid openings may be sold directly to responsible buyers at or above the current appraised value.

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 procedure will not burden any one bidder with too many sales.

BIDDING FOR GNA TIMBER SALES

Please note that there is a minimum total bid value listed for each sale. State sales only 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.
- Only the total has to meet the minimum total bid price advertised to be accepted as a valid bid.
- All lump sum bids must also state a product price for each listed product on the prospectus.

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 for each sale Performance Bond.
4. Satisfactory compliance of all requirements and specifications listed in the contract, including:
 - A. Successful purchasers of GNA Forest Service 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 30 day payment policy. Payments for scaled wood or haul ticket wood leaving the job must be received within 30 days of billing date. 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 unless the sale is designated lump sum.
 - C. The cutting of all trees specified 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 pulpwood will be sold by the cord on a mill ticket system. Scaling requests can be made for firewood and/or a minimum of 10 MBF of sawlogs. **Some sales have pulpwood and sawlogs combined into pulpwood cords.**
 - G. All pine products cut between May 1 and September 1 each year must be removed from sale area within three (3) weeks from time of cutting. This is to limit the risk of pine engraver damage.
 - H. The policy for the extension of expired contracts is as follows. 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 GNA timber sales.
5. Bidding for GNA timber sales DOES NOT REQUIRE A BID BOND to be submitted.

Winning bidders will have 6 weeks from the date of the bid 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 administered timber sale for a two year period.

Additional General Sale Conditions to be met are detailed on the website,

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/GNAGeneralInfo.html>

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 GNA Federal Forest timber sales should be directed to the National Forest Liaisons at either the

Lakewood Forest Service Office,
15085 State Highway 32
Lakewood, WI 54138
Rich Lietz WDNR Forester at (715)-276-1582 for East sales or

Hayward WDNR Service Center Office,
10220 State Highway 27 South
Hayward, WI 54843
Pete Wisdom at (715)-634-7425 for West sales.