

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE TIMBER SALES

Invitation for Bids on Timber Stumpage

Sealed bids for the sale of ten (10) tracts of timber stumpage totaling 601 acres located on the Peshtigo River State Forest, scattered State Lands in Marinette and Oconto Counties, and the Oconto Falls School Forest, will be received at the **DNR Peshtigo Service Center, 101 N Ogden Road Suite A, Peshtigo, Wisconsin**, up to **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2009**, and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter. 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

The purchaser shall ensure that the actual logging contractor engaged in performance of this contract complies with the Wisconsin SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee. Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that the training has been attained prior to initiating sale. Criteria for the standard can be found at the website www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards.html 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.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

All bids must be submitted on a Department Timber Sale Bid Form (2400-049) 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 and separate bid bond 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 specie 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 the following information:

1. Tract number OR advertised job number.
2. List of all species to be cut and estimated volumes as listed on the timber sale prospectus and a bid price per unit for each species and product listed.
3. **BID BOND**— A **minimum of 10 percent** of the total bid for the tract must accompany the bid.

The Bid Bond can be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, bank money order, or irrevocable letter of credit made payable to the State of Wisconsin DNR. A personal check bid bond does not constitute a proper bid bond until the check has been cashed. If the check is returned for non-sufficient funds, the bid bond shall not be accepted and the sale shall be awarded to the next highest bidder.

The Bid Bond of the successful bidder will be deposited, or may be returned to the contractor if an Assurance Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit is used for the 25% performance bond is received within 3 working days of the bid opening. The bid bond will be forfeited if the successful bidder fails to sign the contract within thirty (30) days. Unsuccessful bidders will have their checks and letters returned after the bidding.

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.

TRACT INFORMATION - Individual sale prospectuses and maps are attached.

JOB #1: Johnson Falls Timber Sale (TRACT 01-09) – Field & Mill Scale

Peshtigo River State Forest, Town of Stephenson, Marinette County
242 acres of timber stumpage located in Sections 4, 5, & 8, T32N-R19E, and Section 32, T33N R19E
Estimated volume: 2450 cords scrub oak, 800 cords red pine, 300 cords aspen, and 90 cords mixed hdwd.

JOB #2: The Mayor Timber Sale (TRACT 03-09) – Mill & Field Scale

Peshtigo River State Forest, Town of Stephenson, Marinette County
141 acres of timber stumpage located in Sections 4 & 9, T32N R19E
Estimated volume: 600 cords scrub oak, 500 cords red pine, 300 cords mixed hdwd, and 100 cords aspen

JOB #3: Rush Point Sale (TRACT 01-09) – Mill Scale

Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area, Town of Little River, Oconto County
36 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 28, T29N-R22E
Estimated volume: 330 cords aspen (20% cottonwood), 80 cords mixed hdwd

JOB #4: Peshtigo Brook Sale (TRACT 03-09) – Mill Scale

Peshtigo Brook Wildlife Area, Town of Bagley, Oconto County
57 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 10, T30N R18E
Estimated volume: 290 cords aspen, 370 cords scrub oak, 90 cords mixed hdwd, and 25 cords jack pine

JOB #5: South Branch Oconto River Sale (TRACT 02-09) – Mill Scale

South Branch Oconto River Fish Area, Town of Breed, Oconto County
24 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 32, T30N R17E
Estimated volume: 470 cords aspen, 160 cords mixed hdwd, 20 cords jack pine, and 10 cords balsam fir

JOB #6: Bloch Road Sale (TRACT 01-09) – Mill & Field Scale

Green Bay West Shores, Peshtigo Harbor Wildlife Area, Town of Peshtigo, Marinette County
15 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 9, T29N R23E
Estimated volume: 60 cords aspen, 20 cords/3 MBF mixed hdwd, 70 cords/10 MBF red oak, 15 cords/3 MBF white pine

JOB #7: Wood Road Sale (TRACT 02-09) – Lump Sum Sale

Green Bay West Shores, Peshtigo Harbor Wildlife Area, Town of Peshtigo, Marinette County
12 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 17, T29N R23E
Estimated volume: 110 cords aspen, 95 cords/8 MBF red maple

JOB #8: North West Sale (TRACT 03-09) – Lump Sum Sale

Dunbar Wildlife Area, Town of Dunbar, Marinette County
50 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 16, T37N R18E
Estimated volume: 420 cords aspen (220 merchantable & 200 cords top/small diameter), 80 cords/3 MBF mixed hdwd, 30 cords/19 MBF oak, 25 cords fuelwood

JOB #9: Miscauno SNA South Access Sale (TRACT 04-09) – Field Scale

Miscauno State Natural Area, Town of Beecher, Marinette County
14 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 24, T36N R20E
Estimated volume: 50 cords aspen, 40 cords/8 MBF basswood, 50 cords/3.6 MBF mixed hdwd, 20 cords balsam fir

JOB #10: Oconto Falls School Forest Sale (TRACT SF-01-09) – Mill Scale

Oconto Falls School Forest, Town of Morgan, Oconto County
10 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 10, T27N-R19E.
Estimated volume: 60 cords red pine, 25 cords aspen, and 5 cords mixed hdwd

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

(A sample State of Wisconsin Timber Sales Contract is available for review prior to bidding.)

1. Be sure to read all of the conditions for each sale carefully; each sale has individual specifications.
2. Maintenance of Worker's Compensation Certificate, including proof that she/he had Worker's Compensation Insurance at the time she/he is awarded the contract. This insurance must cover the 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 she/he is not required to have it. The successful bidder must apply to the Department of Revenue for exemption from sales tax on stumpage using the Wisconsin Resale Certificate Form indicating "wholesale only" in the space for seller's permit number. The Department of Natural Resources must have a copy of this application on file.
3. Maintenance of a 25% performance bond is required (i.e. surety bond, letter of credit) for length of contract. The 10% bid down payment may be used toward this bond with another 15% of the total bid added to it before the contract signing. In place of the 25% bond, an irrevocable letter of credit for the 25% amount will be accepted. The performance bond or letter of credit shall be held as evidence of the bidder's intention to faithfully carry out the provisions of the contract.
4. Volume to be cut is estimated but not guaranteed. If the volume of timber exceeds the estimate, as a whole or by species, the purchaser has the obligation to cut it 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". The purchaser pays for actual scale. Estimate of cut volumes will be determined by actual scale on the sale area or by mill scale as specified in the contract.
5. 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.
6. The use of Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality (BMP's) is required on all State Lands. For information and to obtain a field manual detailing these BMP's, contact your local DNR Forester.
7. Satisfactory compliance of all requirements and specifications listed in the contract, including:
 - ✓ Requirement that the actual logging contractor complies with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC).
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ The cutting of all trees on the timber sale map, which is part of the contract.
 - ✓ Liability to pay double the mill value payments for unmarked or undesignated timber cut or damaged through negligence or carelessness.
 - ✓ Scaling requests can be made for a minimum of 20 cord equivalents unless noted otherwise.
 - ✓ 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 Lands.

MINIMUM CUTTING SPECIFICATIONS

(See individual sale prospectuses for additional requirements.)

1. Utilize all trees to at least a 4-inch top diameter.
2. Trees that become hung up in trees designated not to be cut must be removed with logging equipment.
3. No tops are to be left hung up.
4. All slash is to be lopped to within 30 inches of the ground, unless specified otherwise. All state slash laws must be observed, particularly along any streams, state or county highways, town or county forest roads, power line right-of-way, designated snowmobile trails and private property. No slash across property lines (blue lines).
5. Where necessary, care and caution must be exercised to prevent damage to any residual species.
6. Trees designated not to be cut may not be removed for any reason without permission from Wisconsin DNR.
7. All landing locations and wood access roads need prior approval before construction begins.
8. Woods roads, trails, and landings shall be restored to contract specifications prior to sale closeout.
9. Other specifications shall apply to specific sales as noted in individual sale prospectus.

Forester Contacts for specific sale questions:

Peshigo River State Forest – Dan Mertz - (715-757-3965)

Green Bay West Shores – Oconto County – Ryan Severson – (920-846-8103)

Peshigo Brook Wildlife Area – Oconto County – Ryan Severson - (920-846-8103)

South Branch Oconto River Fish Area – Oconto County – Todd McCourt – (920-846-2980)

Green Bay West Shores – Marinette County – Kate Lenz – (715-582-5045)

Dunbar Wildlife Area – Marinette County – Bruce Djupstrom – (715-324-5492)

Miscauno State Natural Area – Marinette County – John Blayney – (715-324-5730)

Oconto Falls School Forest – Oconto County – Ryan Severson – (920-846-8103)