

## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE TIMBER SALES**

### Invitation for Bids on Timber Stumpage

Sealed bids will be received at the **DNR Peshtigo Service Center, 101 N Ogden Road - Suite A, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, 54157**, up to **9:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, November 30, 2011**, and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter for timber stumpage listed in this prospectus. 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. Please note that mail is not received at the DNR office until after noon, so plan accordingly if mailing bids to ensure they are received by the bid opening date and time.

### **TRAINING REQUIREMENT**

Successful purchasers of timber stumpage on State Lands 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 the sale. Criteria for the standard can be found at the website [www.fistausa.org/sfi\\_standards.html](http://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 species 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, and 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.

## **ANNOSUM ROOT ROT TREATMENT**

Annosum Root Rot is a serious disease that is causing conifer mortality in at least 22 counties in Wisconsin, mainly by infecting freshly cut stump surfaces in pine, spruce and fir stands. Once the disease exists in a stand, it is very difficult to control, and prevention of this disease is the best approach. New conifer timber sales are requiring the Contractor to complete Annosum Root Rot Disease control work within the timber sale. Control work is required year-round, must be performed by a Certified Pesticide Applicator, and involves chemically treating all fresh-cut stumps by applying either SPORAX or CELLU-TREAT product and dye to all conifer stumps within 24 hours of tree cutting. See the individual sale prospectus to determine if this treatment is needed. The SPORAX or CELLU-TREAT will **NOT** be provided to the Contractor for these advertised sales. \*A formal State policy for this treatment is pending. If State policy changes to become less restrictive, the less restrictive guidelines may apply.

## **IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE**

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

- ✓ Each sale has individual specifications. Be sure to read all of the conditions and requirements in each individual sale prospectus carefully.
- ✓ Maintenance of a Worker's Compensation Certificate for 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 they are not required to have it.
- ✓ Maintenance of a performance bond is required (i.e. surety bond, letter of credit) for length of contract, as evidence of the bidder's intention to faithfully carry out the provisions of the contract. The 10% bid bond may be used toward this bond, with additional bond payment made prior to contract signing. In place of the bond, an irrevocable letter of credit will be accepted.
- ✓ Wisconsin's Best Management Practices for Water Quality (BMP's), Best Management Practices for Invasive Species, and Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines must be followed on all DNR timber sales. Copies of each are available from the DNR.
- ✓ 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 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.
- ✓ The State will convert any mill weight scales to cordwood volume for billing purposes, using the State weight conversions by species (available upon request) as listed in the Timber Sale Handbook.
- ✓ Payments for scaled or haul ticket wood must be received within 30 days of billing. If a payment is later than 30 days, a late interest penalty will apply. Violations of payment provisions will result in the contractor having to pre-pay for the remainder of that particular sale. A violation will also add that contractor to a pre-payment only list, which requires all payments on state timber sales be pre-paid for a two year time period.
- ✓ The first six month extension of an expiring contract will have a 5% increase of bid value and any subsequent extensions will include an additional 10% increase per extension.
- ✓ Trees designated not to be cut may not be removed for any reason without permission from Wisconsin DNR. All landing locations and wood access roads need prior approval before construction begins. Woods roads, trails, and landings shall be restored to contract specifications prior to sale closeout.

**TRACT INFORMATION** - Individual sale prospectuses and maps are attached. Please review prospectuses carefully for harvest requirements, restrictions, scale method, and other sale details.

**JOB #1: Boat Landing #12 Sale (TRACT 01-10) – Field Scale**

Peshtigo River State Forest, Town of Stephenson (Section 6, T33N R18E), Marinette County  
Town of Silver Cliff (Section 14, T34N-R18E), Marinette County  
Town of Lakewood (Section 1, T 33N R17E), Oconto County

182 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:

2,250 cords Aspen  
1,450 cords Mixed Hardwoods  
250 cords & 11 MBF Red Oak  
30 cords Red Pine

Contact Forester: Dan Mertz – Peshtigo River State Forest – (715) 757-3965

**JOB #2: North East Sale (TRACT 02-11) – Field Scale**

Dunbar Wildlife Area, Town of Goodman (Section 21, T37N R18E), Marinette County

52 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:

330 cords & 38 MBF Oak  
280 cords Mixed Hardwoods  
270 cords Aspen

Contact Forester: Bruce Djupstrom – DNR Pembine – (715) 324-5492

**JOB #3: Wood Road Sale (TRACT 07-11) – Lump Sum Sale**

Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area, Town of Peshtigo (Section 8, T29N R23E), Marinette County

47 acres of timber stumpage with the following estimated volume:

502 cords Mixed Hardwoods (combination of 436 cords + 5 MBF red maple,  
39 cords white birch, and 14 cords + 1.3 MBF ash)  
196 cords Aspen  
128 cords Oak (combination of 116 cords and 5.3 MBF)  
16 cords White Pine  
10 cords Red Pine

Contact Forest Technician: Jason Holmes – DNR Peshtigo – (715) 582-5026