

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, May 25, 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.

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 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: Western Oak Timber Sale (TRACT 05-10) – Lump Sum Sale

Gov. Thompson State Park, Town of Stephenson, Marinette County
112 acres of timber stumpage located in Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, & 23, T33N R18E

Estimated volume: 775 cords Oak
430 cords Aspen
230 cords Mixed Hardwood
160 cords Jack Pine (includes 15 cords Red Pine)
55 cords Spruce (includes 12 cords Balsam Fir)

Contact: Joe Schwantes / Steve Kaufman – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9153 / 856-9157

JOB #2: Pole Shed Sale (TRACT 06-10) – Field Scale

Pike Wild River Property, Town of Beecher, Marinette County
48 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 33, T36N R20E

Estimated volume: 500 cords Aspen
200 cords & 6 MBF Mixed Hardwood (mostly red maple)
150 cords Jack Pine
15 cords Balsam Fir (includes Spruce)

Contact: Chad Gottbeheut – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9150

JOB #3: Paradise Pine Sale (TRACT 01-11) – Lump Sum Sale

Pike Wild River Property, Town of Beecher, Marinette County
27 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 33, T36N R20E

Estimated volume: 220 cords Red Pine
5 cords Aspen

Contact: Chad Gottbeheut – DNR Wausaukee – (715) 856-9150

JOB #4: Seymour Rapids Sale (TRACT 04-10) – Lump Sum Sale

Peshtigo River State Forest, Town of Stephenson, Marinette County
79 acres of timber stumpage located in Sections 9 & 16, T32N R19E

Estimated volume: 1350 cords Scrub Oak (20% dead)
600 cords Mixed Hardwood
120 cords Aspen

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

JOB #5: Medicine Brook Sale (TRACT 02-10) – Lump Sum Sale

Peshtigo River State Forest, Town of Stephenson, Marinette County
73 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 4 & 9, T32N R19E

Estimated volume: 700 cords Scrub Oak (30% dead)
550 cords Aspen
150 cords Mixed Hardwood
100 cords Balsam Fir
30 cords Jack Pine

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

JOB #6: Verhayan Two Sale (TRACT 03-11) – Field Scale

Menominee River Natural Resource Area, Town of Beecher, Marinette County
70 acres of timber stumpage located in Section 17, T36N R22E

Estimated volume: 220 cords Aspen
45 cords Spruce
35 cords Mixed Hardwood
20 cords White Pine
15 cords Balsam Fir

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