



File Code: 2430

Date: August 19, 2008

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at the Snoqualmie Ranger District North Bend Office, 902 S.E. North Bend Way, Bldg. 1, North Bend, WA 98045-9545, no later than 10:00 AM local time on or before September 18, 2008, for the Elk Forage Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in Sec. 13, 14, and 24, T19N, R9E; and Sec. 16-23 and 31, T19N, R10E, W.M. Contract Form FS-2400-13T will be used. The termination date for this contract is 10/31/2013.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of four (4) restoration service type projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor.

There are 17.39 miles of specified road reconstruction, and 0 miles of specified road construction. A specified road construction cost of \$245,027.15 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 6,709 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates;

**Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure**

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir	Sawtimber	CCF	6400.00	11.2"	\$55.30	\$1.00	\$5.38	\$0.00
Western Hemlock and Other	Sawtimber	CCF	186.00	9.5"	\$24.56	\$1.00	\$5.38	\$0.00
Western Red Cedar	Sawtimber	CCF	118.00	11.3"	\$109.77	\$1.00	\$5.38	\$0.00
Required Removal at Fixed Rates								
Nonsawtimber	Non-Saw	CCF	5.00	N/A	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$5.38	\$0.00
	TOTAL	CCF	6,709.00				\$36,094.42	\$0.00



The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$371,441.02 for biddable species.

A bid guarantee is not required.

Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the bidder whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, bid form, and the restorative service projects, please write or call the Snoqualmie Ranger District North Bend Office, 902 S.E. North Bend Way, Bldg. 1, North Bend, WA 98045-9545, (425) 888-1421, or contact Samantha Chang at the Darrington Ranger Station, 1405 Emens Ave., Darrington, WA 98241, (360) 436-1155, ext. 205. Project information will also be posted on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/projects/>.

A pre-proposal field visit for bidders will be held on September 11, 2008, starting at 10:00 AM at the Enumclaw Public Service Center, 450 Roosevelt Ave. East, Enumclaw, WA. An office contract review meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on September 12, 2008, at the Snoqualmie Ranger District North Bend Office.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Samantha K. Chang*  
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Forester

Enclosure