

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Forestry and Fire Protection

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August 12, 2025

To: Sawmill Operators

RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR PURCHASE OF THE WEST HOLLIS TIMBER SALE (SSE 1393-K)

Dear Mill Owners:

Under the authority of AS 38.05.118, the Division of Forestry and Fire Protection (DOF) is soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from qualifying businesses interested in negotiating the purchase of a timber sale located near the community of Hollis. The intent of this sale is to supply timber to a mill operator doing business within the State of Alaska. The Division of Forestry will require the sale's saw log volume to be manufactured in the State of Alaska and to produce as much "value-added" and "high value added" product as possible. Limited export of round saw log timber will be considered *if identified in the initial proposal*. Round log export shall be a minor component of the sale. The successful proposer will be allowed, and is encouraged, to sell logs that their company does not have the markets for or capabilities to manufacture, to other local mills for in-state manufacture. The use and manufacture of utility volume is optional, based on the purchaser's needs. A log accountability plan shall be used to track all harvested timber. The purchaser will provide the DOF with certification of scale volume by species and log grade as determined by an independent third-party scaling bureau.

The RFP process is designed to provide a fair method to determine which qualifying business would potentially provide the most benefit to the State and local communities by harvesting and processing a given timber sale offered by the State of Alaska. This process is used due to the high level of interest in and high demand for state timber sales. The capabilities represented by the proposer are expected to be in good faith and factual. The DOF will consider any RFP non-responsive that fails to provide the required information or if the information provided indicates that performance would be improbable. Should a purchase agreement not be reached between the two parties within ten business days of the selection of the highest scoring proposer, the Division of Forestry will select the next highest scoring proposer for negotiations.

Sale Description:

The area of the sale is 11 miles west of Hollis ferry terminal on Prince of Wales Island on the Klawock-Hollis Highway. The sale is in two locations, one by the Hydaburg Road junction and the other near the old waste pit at Mile 23.5, west of the Harris River Road. The timber sale area is found within Sections 7, 10, 11, 17 and 18, Township 74 South, Range 83 East, Copper River Meridian (CRM). The sale area is found within the Craig B-3 USGS quadrangle. None of the sale polygons (proposed harvest units) or roads are currently marked on the ground.

The identified area of harvest totals approximately 146 acres of timbered land. Initial estimates

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indicate there is 3,100 MBF of merchantable saw log timber that may be of economic interest. "Merchantable Sawlog," is a No. 3 or better sawlog according to the Official Rules of the Log Scaling & Grading Bureaus developed and authored by The Northwest Log Rules Advisory Group. The minimum gross merchantable sawlog length for the purpose of this contract is 12 feet long plus trim for old growth timber. Minimum length for young growth timber shall be 19 feet long plus trim. This assessment is based on field observations, the prevailing markets observed in the fall of 2024 and interest in the timber sale area expressed by the prevailing timber industry.

The sale is a negotiated contract requiring "purchaser layout" and in-state manufacture of harvested timber. This timber volume will be negotiated and sold under the provisions of AS 38.05.118, in the form of one timber sale.

The Purchaser layout process and project standards for this RFP are defined in Exhibit F. Purchaser layout includes all necessary field and office work to identify, field-locate, document and convey to the DOF the purchaser's proposed commercial timber harvest intent.

A site-specific timber cruise was not used as the basis of estimating the timber volume. The State has estimated potential timber volumes based on comparable timber types and projected removal costs to appraise this sale using a residual value analysis. The State's appraised value is an estimate of the sale's fair market value, and is not intended to be the minimum bid. DOF reserves the right to set a minimum acceptable stumpage price. The State appraised value for this sale is \$165,000.00.

Minimum Mill Experience Required

For your proposal to be considered responsive, a proposer must be able to demonstrate the following minimum experience and qualifications:

- The proposer is a resident of Alaska and is licensed to do business in the State of Alaska;
- The proposer owns a functioning sawmill in the State of Alaska that has the proven capability to process and manufacture at least <u>value-added</u> wood products.
- The proposer has experience developing and managing a timber sale of similar size and complexity.

The DOF will only give consideration to potential purchasers that will manufacture the majority of the sale volume, at a minimum, into <u>value-added</u> or <u>high value-added</u> wood products.

For the purpose of this RFP, <u>value-added</u> wood products are:

- Round house logs
- chips
- green lumber

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- flitches, cants or rough planks
- Radius edged decking or siding

For the purpose of this RFP, a high value-added wood product includes:

Interior finish paneling, trim molding, flooring, doors, windows, cabinet stock, furniture, musical instruments or parts of instruments, toys, tools and implements, ready-to-assemble building kits, veneer, plywood, finger-jointed lumber, faced house logs, dissolving pulp, engineered wood products, paneled wood products, kiln-dried lumber, laminated veneer lumber, shakes, shingles and other similar finished wood products as determined by the commissioner to have received processing beyond sawing and planning that adds high value to the wood product.

Outline of Agreement Terms and Conditions

- 1. The Purchaser's operations on the timber sale must at all times comply with the Best Management Practices as outlined in the Alaska Forest Practices Act and Regulations for public lands, the Best Interest Finding (BIF), and the adopted Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) for the timber sale. No commercial forest activity as defined in 11 AAC 95.190 (a) (1) shall occur in the sale area until a FLUP has been adopted by the DOF. The BIF for the sale may be viewed at:
 - http://notice.alaska.gov/220405
- 2. The purchaser's operations shall always have a designated field representative on site during operations. A written operating plan, including written designation of purchaser's representative, shall be on file that substantially represents current operations and the requirements of the contract. The plan is subject to DOF approval prior to commencement of timber sale operations.
- 3. The purchaser shall conduct sale layout tasks contained in Exhibit F. The DOF shall produce a draft FLUP that to the extent it is in the State's best interest represents the purchaser's layout. The parties will make reasonable efforts to resolve and develop solutions to issues through the sale design process. Either party may terminate the agreement prior to the completion of sale layout.
- 4. Liability requirements are outlined in the sample contract; the purchaser shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Alaska according to the contract outline.
- 5. The potential purchaser will have the ability to adequately bond for the successful performance of the timber sale. The successful proposer will be required to post a minimum performance bond in the form of cash, certificate of deposit or surety bond in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) with the State for purchase of the timber sale at the time of signing the contract.

- 6. This is a scaled sale. The Purchaser shall propose a price per thousand board feet net Scribner scale in Appendix C. The purchaser shall make a nonrefundable Initial Stumpage Fee payment of 5% with their proposal. The purchaser shall make an Advanced Stumpage Deposit payment, totaling 10% of the value of the timber sale at the execution of the contract. The advance stumpage deposit is refundable in the event the agreement is terminated prior to the harvest of timber. Timber shall not be felled or removed from the sale area prior to making an advanced stumpage deposit that represents at least the next two months of planned activity. This stumpage deposit will be retained until the purchaser and the DOF agree that approximately 80% of the sale has been harvested. The purchaser's Initial Stumpage Fee from the RFP process will be applied to the contract Stumpage Deposit. No interest shall be due from the State on Stumpage Deposits. Road building may occur at the State's discretion upon adoption of a FLUP and payment of the advanced stumpage deposit.
- 7. The term of the contract is five years.
- 8. Purchaser road construction and management:
 - a. New road construction must conform to the FLUP and operating plan submitted by the purchaser and approved by the DOF: Roads at a minimum will be constructed to DOF Road Standards (site specific variances may be considered if authorized by the DOF in the FLUP);
 - b. Maintenance on all roads associated with this sale will be comply with 11 AAC 95.315:
 - c. The closure of roads at the end of the contract or other mutually agreed to timeframe is required of all new State forest roads within the timber sale area to 11 AAC 95.320.
 - d. Written authorization of the managing road authority shall be provided in the purchaser's operating plan prior to timber harvest activity that is reasonably considered to be contingent of the authorization. The Purchaser is responsible for procuring the road use authorization, complying with all stipulations required by the authorization, and paying all associated costs of use.

Evaluation of the Proposals

Proposals shall present documentation of their mill capacity in a clear manner so that the DOF can judge and convey its basis of decision to the other proposers. The proposer at a minimum is required to submit a summary of their mill capabilities on Exhibit C. If the proposer feels that more information is desired to reflect its position and experience, please attach the additional information to your proposal.

The State of Alaska intends to negotiate a timber sale agreement with the proposer that has the highest composite score for this sale, based on the following criteria and their respective weight:

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- 1. The track record of the company managing the development of a timber sale of similar size and complexity, and the ability to process **value-added** or **high value-added** timber products. The successful proposer will document their experience and the past three years of mill production for their mill(s). The proposer that provides a clear and verifiable record will receive a total of 25 points (25%).
- 2. The proposer shall agree to producing **value-added** or **high value added timber** products from at least 50% of the timber harvested by volume from this sale. Any facility, present or proposed, must be operational before sale purchase. The proposer that agrees to produce the highest amount of value-added or high value-added timber products for this sale will receive 25 points (25%). Other proposals for product markets other than local markets will be prorated based on the highest local market utilization submitted.
- 3. The proposed sale price from the proposer for the sale, 50 points (50%). The proposal will be evaluated based on the overall projected price of the sawlog timber. The highest price will get the most points. Other submitted proposals that are less than the highest price will be prorated based on the highest price submitted.

The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The State intends to award the sale to the responsible qualified proposer with the highest composite score for the timber sale as determined by the State using the State's proposal sheet. In the final accounting of the contract, the successful bidder will be responsible for payment of the actual timber harvested as it is scaled.

Proposals which do not include the required information as listed above will be rejected and not scored. The appeal of rejected proposals must be in writing and received by the commissioner's office within twenty days after the date DOF rejected the proposal and notified the unsuccessful proposers (11AAC 02.030).

Five points per question will be deducted for incomplete, misrepresented, or missing information requested on Exhibit C. If the proposer cannot answer a question on Exhibit C, the proposer must state that the question is unanswerable and provide the reason why. The DOF will not deduct points nor will it give points for a qualified "no response" to a question by the proposer in their proposal.

The DOF's decision to negotiate with the highest scoring proposer may be appealed in writing within five days in accordance with AAC 38.05.120. To appeal the decision the aggrieved proposer must have submitted a complete and timely proposal to the DOF for the timber sale in contention.

Communication regarding the timber sales will not be considered relevant unless presented in writing. A committee appointed by the Southeast Area Forester will evaluate the proposals. For additional information regarding this timber sale, contact the DOF Area Forester at mailto:dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov or at: (907) 225-3070.

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Submission Requirements

If your firm is interested in purchasing this sale, please provide this office with a complete proposal. Send to the attention of the Southeast Area Forester at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 no later than 2:00 p.m. September 12, 2025. Proposers are responsible for assuring that their complete proposal(s) are delivered on time.

All proposal(s) shall include the following information for the sale(s) you are proposing to purchase:

- 1. A copy of your current Alaska Business License;
- 2. A complete Timber Sale Proposal Sheet (Exhibit C);
- 3. A **certified cashiers check** or **money order** for the Initial Stumpage Fee made out to the State of Alaska for 5% of the proposed total price of the sale. The successful proposer's check or money order (Initial Stumpage Fee) will be used towards the purchase price of the timber sale. The fee is not refundable upon signature of the contract. The unsuccessful proposers will have their check or money order returned.
- 4. The proposal will be submitted in an envelope labeled with the name and number of the timber sale and titled, "West Hollis Timber Sale Proposal".

Proposals which do not include the required information as listed above will be rejected and not scored. Appeal of rejected proposals must be in writing and received by the commissioner's office within twenty days after the date the rejected proposal was received by the proposer (11AAC 02.030).

Sincerely,

Southeast Area Forester

cc: Steve Connelly, Coastal Regional Forester, DOF Anchorage

Exhibits:

Exhibit A - Adopted Best Interest Finding Sale Vicinity and Area Maps (3 Pages)

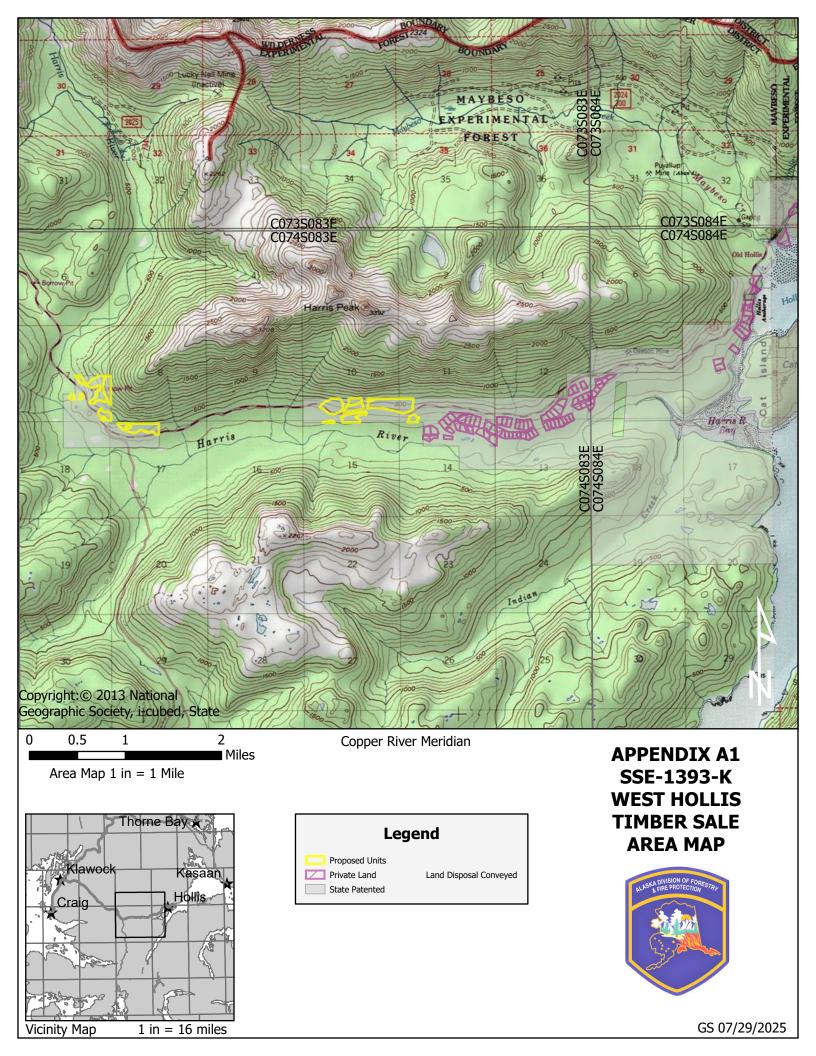
Exhibit B – Reserved (Not Used)

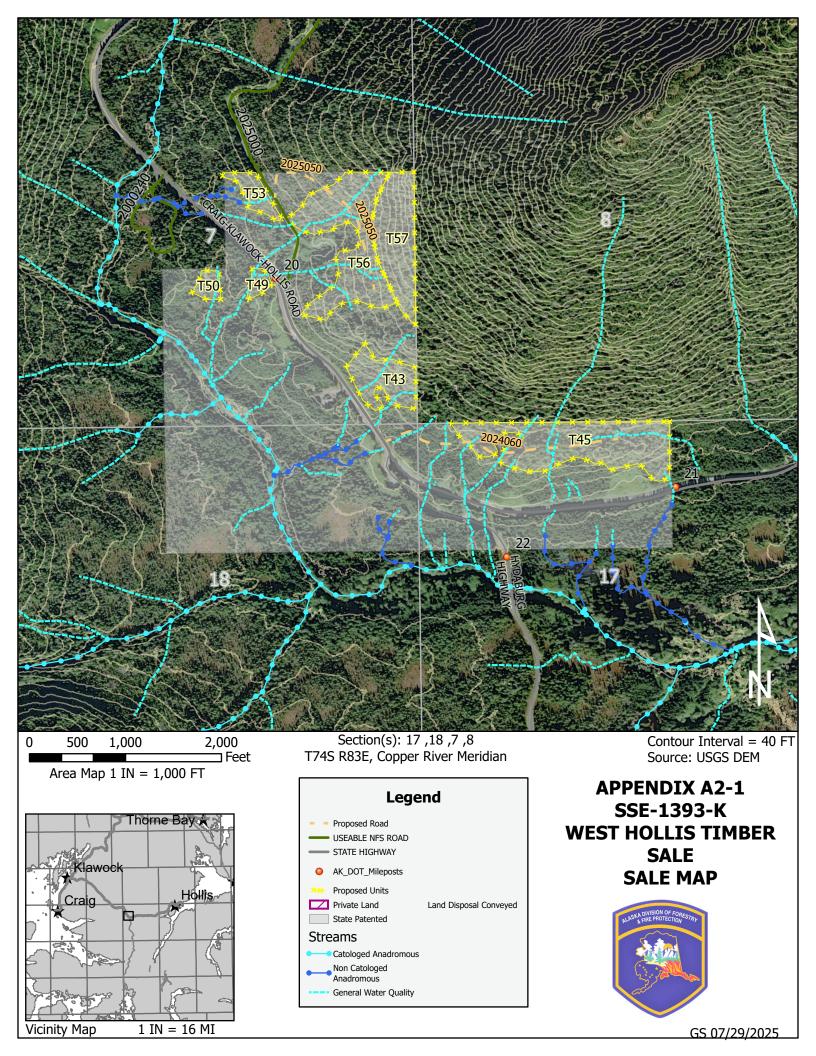
Exhibit C1, C2 - Timber Sale Proposal Sheets. (3 Pages)

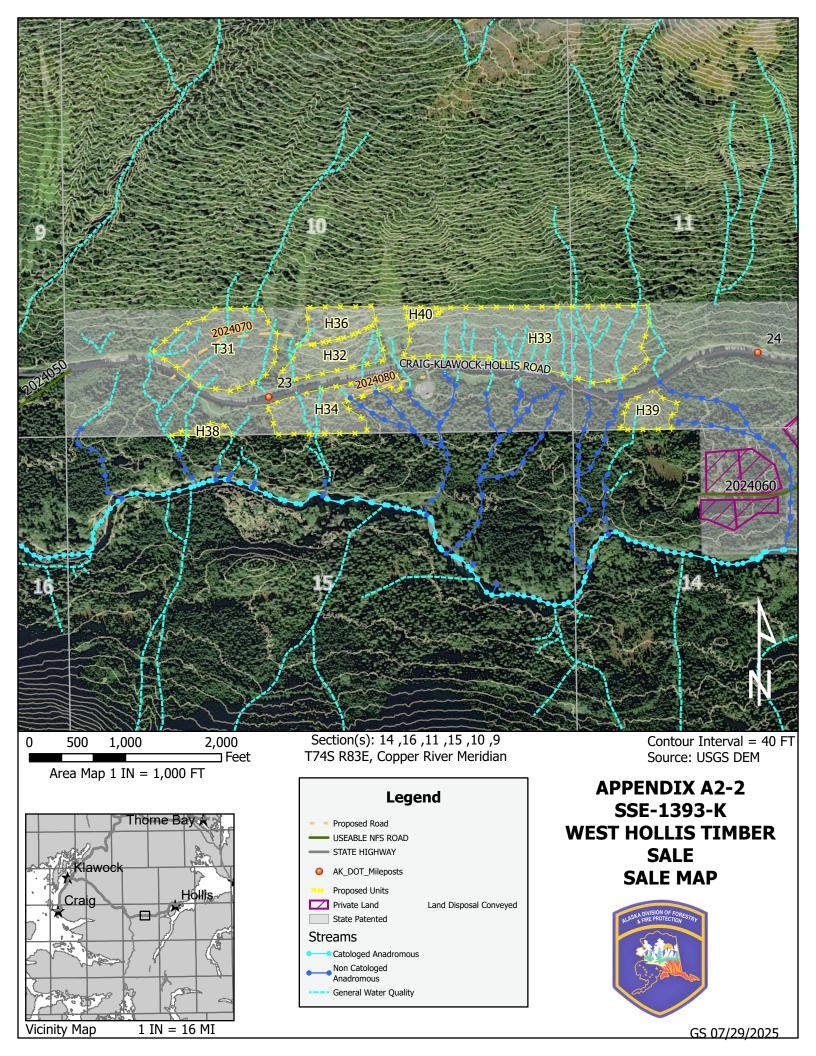
Exhibit D - Timber Sale Sample Contract. (Approximately 26 Pages)

Exhibit E - Reserved (Not Used)

Exhibit F - Purchaser Timber Sale Process And Layout Standards (6 Pages)







State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Fire Protection Exhibit C1

Timber Sale Proposal Sheet

COMPANY INFORMATION

| Company Name: | | | Date: | | | | |
|---|------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Contact Person: | | | | | | | |
| AK Business License # E-m | | E-mail Address | -mail Address | | | | |
| Telephone # FA | | FAX# | | | | | |
| Mail Address | · | | | | | | |
| City, State, Zip | | | | | | | |
| Mill Location | | | | | | | |
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| 1) What type of sawmill(s) do you pres | sently own and | operate? | | | | | |
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| 2) How many thousand-board feet (MI | BF) have you cu | it with the above mill(s | s) during? | | | | |
| | 2023 | | 2022 | | | | |
| 3) How much timber (MBF) in the for | rm of timber sal | es have you purchased | from all sources during | ng? | | | |
| | 2023 | | 2022 | | | | |
| 4) What volume of logs (MBF) have y | | om sources other than | timber sales during? | | | | |
| | 2023 | | 2022 | | | | |
| 5) What was your mill payroll in? | | _ | | | | | |
| 2024 | 2023 | | 2022 | | | | |
| 6) List the <u>volume</u> of timber that your | | | | | | | |
| products in the state of Alaska by prod | | | efined in this RFP, atta | ach additional | | | |
| pages as necessary to clearly represent | your products): | • • | | | | | |
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| Type of Product | Log | | of Product | Log | | | |
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| | PROPOSED PROI | OUCTS | |
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| Sale Name: West Hollis | | Sale | : SSE-1393-K |
| Company Name: | | Date | : |
| 7) List the timber by species that you prop as well as any species or type you propose List any other mill that will manufacture p pages as necessary to clearly represent you | to export in round roducts from this sal | log form. List produc | ets as defined in this RFP. |
| Spruce | % | Hemlock | % |
| Type of Product | Harvested | Type of Produc | ct Harvested |
| | | | |
| Western Red Cedar | % | Yellow Ceda | r % |
| Type of Product | Harvested | Type of Produc | ct Harvested |
| By submitting this proposal, the proposer ag this proposed sale in a sawmill facility in the | rees it intends to proce State of Alaska in th | cess most of the harvesto | ed timber by volume from |
| value-added or high value-added wood prod . Proposer Representative: | | | |
| Proposer Authorized Signature: | | Date: | |

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY and FIRE PROTECTION

EXHIBIT C2 PROPOSED PRICE AND DEPOSIT FOR ADVERTISED TIMBER

| oubject to t | • | elow, the following bid i Vest Hollis | Timber Sale | | illiber to | Sale No. | 1393 K |
|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| SPECIES | PRODUCT | ESTIMATE VOLUME | UNIT OF MEASURE | | INIMUM UNIT PRICE | BID UNIT PRICE | TOTAL PRICE BID |
| STATE Young Growth Sitka Spruce | Sawlogs | 1,005 | MBF | \$ | 9.00 | | |
| STATE Young Growth Western | Sawlogs | 670 | MBF | | 9.00 | | |
| Hemlock STATE Old Growth Sitka Spruce | Sawlogs | 100 | MBF | \$ | 100.00 | | |
| STATE Old Growth Western Hemlock STATE Alaska | Sawlogs | 782 | MBF | \$ | 9.00 | | |
| Yellow Cedar STATE Western | Sawlogs | 43 | MBF | \$ | 9.00 | | |
| Redcedar STATE All Species Utility and Non- | Sawlogs Utility | 498 | Net+Net MBF | \$ | 200.00 | | |
| merchantable Sawlogs Scaled | | Undefined | IVIDI | \$ | 1.00 | | |
| | | GRAND T | OTAL BID: \$ | | | | |
| * MBF= One Thousar THE PROPOSER AG | nd Board Feet S | <mark>n Acceptable Total Saw</mark> Scribner Net Scale. | Timber Propo | sal = | <mark>= \$132,10</mark> | 0.00 USD | |
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| • | | e, execute a contract o | | | | | |
| To furnish satisfac | tory evidence c | f financial and legal cor | npetence to pe | erfor | m the obl | igations of t | he contract. |
| 4. That the bid deposit may be retained by the State as liquidated damages, if the sale is not completed as specified in the published notice of sale. | | | | | | | |
| | | sful proposer shall, upo umpage as required by | | | | be credited | , as a stumpage deposit |
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| Department of Reven | ue, as required | by the published notice | dollars (\$ e of sale. | | | |) payable to the Alaska |
| Name of Proposer | | | - | Dat | e | | |
| By, Signature | | | - | Add | dress | | |

(Date) (Time) (Name) (Title)

Form 10-2102b

THIS SPACE FOR STATE USE ONLY I his proposal is opened and accepted as a qualified proposal on:

Title

If not accepted, explain:

GENERAL PROCESS

Purchaser layout includes all necessary field and office work to identify, document and convey the purchaser's proposed commercial timber harvest intent as deemed necessary by the DOF to convey and develop a Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) within the administrative standards of AS 41.14.060. The structure and composition of the data required by the DOF will vary based on the site and resources that are present. Input from other agencies will also influence the scope and material needs of the process. An adopted FLUP may be substantially different from what was submitted by the operator in which case the field layout and operational perspective likewise will need to be matched. This conformal process is the purchaser's responsibility to execute at their cost.

FLUP(s) will be produced by the DOF for each State Forest or POWIAP subunit described in the Best Interest Finding or collectively depending on the complexity and timing of the information provided by the purchaser. The layout will consider, and address topics identified in the Best Interest Finding and agency dialog. The purchaser will make themselves or a designated forester with professional experience in Alaska available as needed by the DOF to complete field and office review of the purchaser's proposed timber harvest layout plan.

The DOF will make reasonable efforts to adapt the purchaser's timber sale plan into a mutually acceptable FLUP but it is not obligated to adopt a FLUP and authorize a timber harvest operating plan that is not in its best interest.

The information to be documented and submitted associated with the field layout is required to be in possession of the DOF at least one week prior to a scheduled field review. The DOF will work with the purchaser to adapt the purchaser's proposed layout as needed for a configuration likely to meet the state's management objectives and constraints as set out in statute, regulation and the planning documents. The DOF will produce and publicly notify a draft FLUP that it determines to be potentially in its best interest. Reviewing, producing, and adopting a FLUP is contingent on the State's best interest and is not constrained with respect to a predetermined outcome or decision date. The DOF will at a minimum comply with the statutory public notice period defined in AS 38.05.0945 of 30 days and applicable appeal or reconsideration requirements prior to considering the purchaser's required operating plan specified in contract Exhibit D.

LAND OWNERSHIP

It is the responsibility of the timber purchaser to locate themselves within the authorized operating area.

ROAD USE AUTHORIZATION

Written authorization of the managing road authority/landowner or manager shall be provided in the purchaser's operating plan prior to beginning any timber harvest activity that is reasonably considered to be contingent on the authorization. The Purchaser is responsible for procuring the road use authorization and paying all associated costs of use.

ROAD DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION and MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

- 1. Roads at a minimum will be constructed to DOF Road Standards (site specific variances may be considered if authorized by the DOF in the FLUP). The road standards are available at: https://forestry.alaska.gov/resources;
- 2. Maintenance on all roads associated with this sale will be comply with 11 AAC 95.315;
- 3. The closure at the end of the contract or other mutually agreed to timeframe is required of all new State forest roads within the timber sale area to 11 AAC 95.320.

FIELD LAYOUT, FOREST SURVEYING, AND INFORMATION STANDARDS

General Field Layout and Information Acquisition

The purchaser shall use professional forestry means and methods appropriate to the task regarding location of land ownership, resource values and proposed purchaser activity. Ownership lines shall not be assumed without tangible evidence in the field that mirrors recorded documentation.

All proposed roads and units, including any timber retention buffers in or adjacent to the operation, shall be readily identified (flagged) in the field prior to the review and development of the FLUP and subsequently mapped through the use of DOF approved forest surveying methods. The flagging code specifying which colors of flagging will be used to mark units, roads, crossing structures, buffers, etc. is contained at the end of this exhibit in the "Flagging Colors to be Used" section.

Stationing flags tied on a tree or bush along road centerlines or on harvest unit boundaries will be labeled with consecutive numbers, date, and the initials of the person performing the survey. If a tree or bush is not available, a stick or other item that can affix the flagging shall be used if needed. The actual point of measure where different than the flagging and relevant to future use, shall be identified by a piece of ribbon tied to a stick placed in the ground plumb with the measured position.

When conventionally describing or traversing road centerline, unit boundary or feature, record directions in terms of azimuths to the nearest degree. All azimuths recorded in the notes should be magnetic or clearly stated otherwise, along with the declination used. Generally, unless otherwise required for greater accuracy, measure and record all distances in horizontal format to the nearest foot.

All information will be gathered at a minimum using GIS grade GPS receivers or an equivalent method approved by the Area Forester. Survey field notes will be entered into an agreed format whether electronic or hard copy (field book). A digital or electronic format is generally the prudent method to convey information where significant amounts of information are to be conveyed. The DOF uses ESRI GIS based products. Any electronic based output shall be readily viewed and edited in this software platform.

The purchaser shall make the DOF aware of the observations and locations of at least the following resources in addition to the proposed roads and harvest:

- All classified streams, surface waters, estuaries, and springs as defined by the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act and regulations within 330 FT of the purchasers proposed operating footprint,
- Observed wildlife dens or nests of wolves, bears or bald eagles (active or otherwise),
- Significant karst features such as sink holes and caves.

Field Layout – Harvest Units

All proposed harvest polygons will be explicitly marked in the field with intervisible flagging that defines the cutting limits, traversed and mapped per the forest field work documentation requirements. The traversed line shall reasonably represent the actual timber to be harvested.

Isolated clumps of timber less than one acre planned for harvest shall be flagged in the field, but for mapping purposes, may be identified on a survey point basis; the GPS reference point will be recorded from a position at or near the center of the clump of timber proposed for harvest.

Where applicable, timber proposed to be harvested will be segregated on a setting basis by proposed harvest method to enable the DOF to understand the planned operation I.E. cable, shovel, helicopter, etc.

Field Layout - Roads

All roads will be marked in the field with flagging, placed intervisably, to denote the location of the road centerline. Survey ribbon will be used on all roads surveyed under this contract to mark all survey/traverse turning points. From the first marked survey point located along the road centerline, subsequent survey points will consist of a flag (approximately three-foot-long ribbon) placed at 100-foot slope distance intervals or at significant grade or visibility breaks, whichever is less.

When surveying road centerlines, the percent grade from point to point should be recorded in the field book or data recorder to the nearest percent. Record the grade as a plus or minus. The grade is recorded as a positive value for favorable anticipated log haul coming out of the woods. A negative recorded grade would designate an adverse haul with respect to a loaded log truck leaving the woods.

Culvert Sizing for Road Crossings

For all surface water crossings of the proposed roads, specify culvert design diameters based upon the ordinary high-water marks of the stream. Culverts will be prudently sized to accommodate a 25-year flood, at minimum. This information will be recorded in the field notes. Culvert sizing will be consistent with 11 AAC 95.305. CULVERTS & OTHER WATER CROSSING PROVISIONS of the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Regulations. Label all drainage structures in the notes and in the field with flagging consistent with the road centerline point codes or stationing. To designate culvert crossings in the field, use blue flagging with

culvert sizing, initials of the road locator and the date written on it at the field location for each water crossing; for example, Sta. 102, 24" CMP/TC/3/30/2025.

Road Construction Classification and Type

The purchaser shall provide a written summary of proposed road construction by DOF Classification as well as the construction <u>type</u> based on the dominant characteristics of the road segment. The tolerance of this information assessment shall be by the station (100 FT). Road types proposed shall be described in one of the following categories: overlay, sidehill, "other". If "other" road types or materials of construction are proposed they shall be defined and quantified at a minimum by their length. Unstable, steep terrain, full bench or construction techniques likely requiring rock work shall be noted.

Forest Field Work Documentation

GPS Surveying

Where GPS is used to reference or survey unit lines, road centerlines or important features (streams, eagle nests, etc.) accuracy shall have a theoretical accuracy of less than 15 FT 95% of the time the point is measured in the same manner. The datum and coordinate system shall be defined. All points recorded shall have the accuracy documented in the attribute of the feature point. Point records shall be the basis of the submitted information and submitted as needed with a conveyed line record or polygon portraying the units and roads respectively. Theoretical accuracy for general informational points recorded shall be less than 33 FT, 95% of the time the point is measured in the same manner. Obvious or suspected GPS positions shall be noted were the situation or common sense indicates that the point may be inaccurate. Offset positions may be more appropriate than occupying the position in these cases.

Conventional Traverses

Where conventional road or unit line traverses are used (compass, tape and clinometer), the traverse shall close with a horizontal error of less than 1:100. Traverses not meeting the closure standard will be traversed again until the closure standard is obtained. The unit line traverse(s) will tie to the road traverses where they intersect the road. All road traverses will be tied to the unit line traverse where the road crosses into the unit, and at the end of each road location by a traversed reference line which ties into a unit boundary survey station. A conventional traverse shall be referenced with several GPS positions; at the minimum it will be at its beginning and end points

Field Notes

Electronic data augmented by written notes is preferred and each type of data shall be recorded in a format approved by the DOF prior to its collection by the purchaser. Information shall be segregated by type (I.E. notable features, unit line, road, etc.). In the event any data is not adequate for the purpose of the FLUP, it is the purchaser's responsibility to gather additional information and amend the field notes and maps as required.

Field notes shall be maintained by the purchaser augmenting the electronic data collected. The notes shall summarize the work such that the means and methods of the data collection are apparent to other users. All engineering and forestry field notes will be kept legibly and in a standard format comprehensible to another user as they were to the note keeper.

The date, names and field task assigned to each party member recorded in the book shall be recorded in the field book at the beginning of each day. The field book will be indexed and labeled with the unit or road number and type of survey/traverse. Field books will be bound Rite-in-the-Rain paper types. A copy of the field notes shall be provided to the DOF along with a written explanation of the data as may be needed to use the data in a workman like manner.

Record additional items that would be of interest such as:

- 1. Notable topography like rock bluffs or knobs.
- 2. Character of the layout i.e. landings, culverts, proposed bridge abutments, potential rock pits, survey monumentation, property line, etc.
- 3. Obvious timber type boundaries i.e. muskegs, etc.

FLAGGING COLORS TO BE USED

<u>Marking</u> <u>Flagging Color</u>

Station points Orange glo
Road centerline Orange glo

Eagle tree location Pink glo & Blue glo

Harvest unit boundary Pink "TIMBER HARVEST BOUNDARY"

Angle points for unit boundaries White

Fish stream channels

Fish buffers

Property lines

Blue & White candy stripe

Blue/white strip & Pink glo

Red "PROPERTY LINE"

Reconnaissance White or Blue glo

Water Crossing on Road CL Blue

Note: All flagging will be the "Arctic Glo" type (>4.0 mil), except the Riparian Areas

and the white flagging.

MAP STANDARDS

Electronic maps shall at a minimum be georeferenced in a PDF format. The proposed Timber Sale Layout Maps produced by the purchaser (electronic or otherwise) shall have the following items and features, as applicable, submitted for review by the DOF:

Road Types

Permanent

Temporary

Inactive roads

Material extraction sites

End-haul sites and spoil deposit areas

Areas of unstable soil conditions

Areas of notable topographic distinction (i.e. knobs, bluffs, draws, muskegs, etc.)

Unit boundaries

Yarding methods and landing areas for each logging setting within each harvest unit

Surface water locations

Eagle nest tree locations

Stream crossings and drainage structures

Proposed activities in riparian areas

Section, township and range

Property lines

North arrow, scale bar, plan date

Title block area to contain; timber sale name, map prepared by, etc.