Notice of Timber For Sale

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is soliciting competitive bids from bonded Timber Buyers to purchase, cut, and remove standing timber at Stephens State Forest in Clarke County, Iowa.

Description of Work and Scope of Services:
The State of Iowa is offering approximately 53,620 board feet (Scribner) of timber in 360 trees as shown below. The trees are all marked with blue paint. There are an additional 125 cull trees marked with a blue "X". These trees may be harvested, but are not included in the board foot volume of the sale. The trees are located on areas as shown on the enclosed map(s). Timber Buyers should satisfy themselves by examination as to the quality and quantity of timber offered. The timber is accessible through state land.

Species	Number of Trees by Diameter				BF Volume
	12" - 14"	**16" - 18"**	**20" - 24"**	**26"+**	
Walnut	18	54	44	3	18,120
Cottonwood	5	11	19	13	14,800
Bitternut Hickory	21	35	11	0	6,680
Hackberry	15	27	10	0	5,680
Basswood	17	17	9	3	5,360
Other*	6	15	6	1	2,980
Total	82	159	99	20	53,620

*Other species include: white oak, red oak, cherry, honeylocust, and elm

Provisions:

Timber Buyer shall not remove tree tops and branches smaller than 8 inches in diameter from the timber sale area.

Timber Buyer shall avoid any unnecessary damage to trees that are not marked for cutting.

Timber Buyer shall avoid damage to fences, gates, signs and other permanent structures on or near the timber sale area.

Cutting is permitted only during the period of October 1 to March 31 and when the ground is firm or frozen unless otherwise authorized by DNR's Project Manager. It is the responsibility of Timber Buyer to obtain permission from DNR's Project Manager prior to working in the area.

Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices must be followed. An Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices Guide is available from the DNR's website at http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/Forestry/WoodIndustryLogging.aspx

Motor vehicles and logging equipment shall be operated only in designated areas. All logs shall be skid on designated trails, and decked and loaded in designated areas.

Streams, roads and trails shall remain free of logging debris. Stream crossings must be approved by DNR's project manager prior to harvest.

All skid trails, decking areas and access roads shall be returned to satisfactory condition by Timber Buyer once the operation is complete.

Timber Buyer shall carry appropriate liability insurance throughout the effective duration of this Contract.

The Timber Buyer may not leave logs/debris in leased ag fields or on access lanes from March 31 – October 1.

Hiking trails should be kept free of debris, logs, tree tops, etc. throughout the duration of the contract. Care should be taken as to not leave broken limbs, tops, hangers, etc. over the trail as well.

Proposed Project Schedule:
Timber must be completely removed from the timber sale areas and all logs must be completely removed from decking and loading areas no later than March 31, 2016.

Submission of Proposals:
Proposals shall include a bid proposal including the total amount bid for the offered timber, signature, date, printed name and organization name of the Timber Buyer on the enclosed bid proposal form.

Bonded Timber Buyers shall submit proposals to DNR at the following address:

Jessica Flatt, Area Forester
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Stephens State Forest

1111 N 8th Street
Chariton, IA 50049
Fax: 641-774-8089
Email: jessica.flatt@dnr.iowa.gov

For the proposal to be considered timely, it must be received by DNR no later than 3:00 pm (local time) on August 19, 2014. Any proposal received after this deadline will be rejected and returned to the Timber Buyer. The costs of preparation and delivery of the bid proposal are solely the responsibility of the Timber Buyer.

From the date of issuance of this Notice of Timber for Sale until announcement of the successful Timber Buyer, Timber Buyers may not contact any employee of the State of Iowa about this Bid Notice other than the identified contact person. Timber Buyers may submit written questions relating to the interpretation of this Notice and the procurement process to Jessica Flatt at the above address by no later than August 12, 2014. Written responses to any questions received will be provided to all potential Timber Buyers. Any attempt to discuss this Notice orally or in writing with any members of the DNR evaluation committee, or any employee of the State of Iowa other than the above-named DNR official, will lead to disqualification of that Timber Buyer.

Payment:
The successful Timber Buyer shall make full payment and sign a Contract within 14 days of receipt of Contract from DNR. No cutting of trees will be permitted until the Contract has been signed and full payment made to DNR.

Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions:
By submitting a proposal, each Timber Buyer acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract located on the DNR's website at http://www.iowadnr.gov/Destinations/StateForests/TimberSales.aspx. If a Timber Buyer takes exception to a provision, it must state the reason for the exception and set forth in its proposal the specific contract language it proposes to include in place of the provision. Exceptions that materially change these terms or the requirements of this Notice of Timber for Sale may be deemed non-responsive by the DNR, as determined in its sole discretion, resulting in possible disqualification of Timber Buyer's proposal. With regard to the contract, DNR and the successful Timber Buyer may agree to modifications to the terms of the contract as necessary to negotiate the terms of a contract. A Timber Buyer's failure to state an exception to any provision and propose alternative language may be deemed by the DNR to constitute Timber Buyer's acceptance thereof. DNR reserves the right to refuse to enter into a contract with the successful Timber Buyer for any reason, even after delivery of notice of selection or intent to award a contract.

Miscellaneous Information:

The DNR reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, to advertise for new proposals, and to cancel this Notice at any time prior to the execution of the written contract.

All information submitted by a Timber Buyer will be treated as a public record by the DNR unless the Timber Buyer properly requests that the information be treated as confidential information in accordance with the public records laws of the State of Iowa at the time its proposal is submitted.

EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) Quarantine Areas:
All *Fraxinus* (Ash) spp. logs within the quarantine area are considered regulated for Emerald Ash Borer. The quarantine areas will be listed and updated at
http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/MultiState_EABpos.pdf

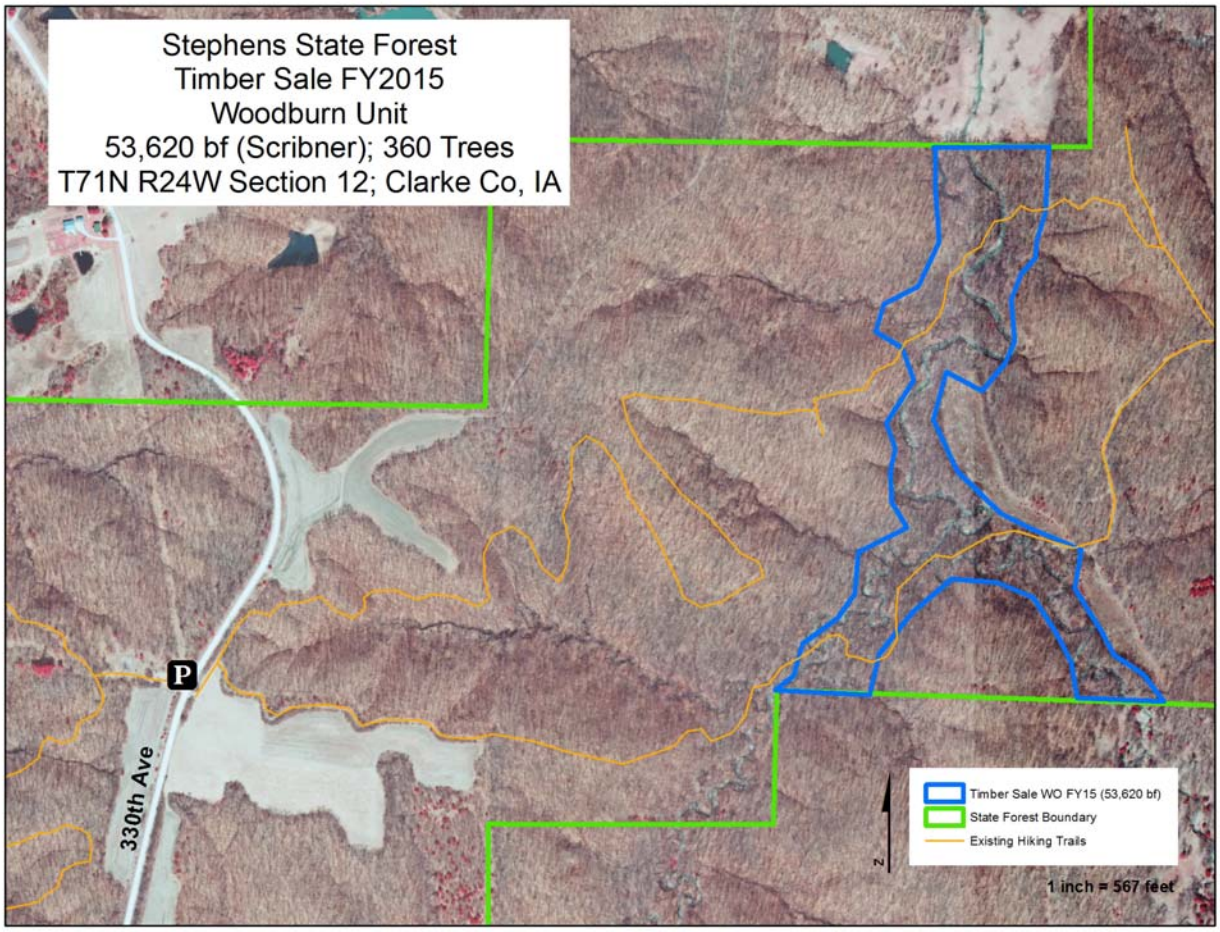
All *Fraxinus* (Ash) spp. logs may only be shipped out of quarantine from October 1st through March 31st under an appropriate joint USDA/IDALS compliance agreement, an IDALS compliance agreement, and/or with a valid federal/state limited permit. In addition, all regulated Fraxinus (Ash) logs will move to a mill approved under an appropriate USDA Compliance Agreement or under an appropriate cooperator's compliance agreement.

For questions about Emerald Ash Borer regulations and quarantines please contact:

Mike Kintner
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
515/745/2877
mike.kintner@iowaagriculture.gov

or

Mark Hollister
USDA, APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine
515/251/4083
Mark.G.Hollister@aphis.usda.gov


Stephens State Forest
Timber Sale FY2015
Woodburn Unit
53,620 bf (Scribner); 360 Trees
T71N R24W Section 12; Clarke Co, IA
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330th Ave
Timber Sale WO FY15 (53,620 bf)
State Forest Boundary
Existing Hiking Trails
N
1 inch = 567 feet

BID PROPOSAL

Timber Buyer's Proposal shall include an all-inclusive, total price in U.S. Dollars (including all travel, expenses, etc.) for the timber offered.

Amount Bid for 360 trees with an estimated 53,620 board feet of timber on the Woodburn Unit of Stephens State Forest

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Signature:_____

Date:_____

Printed Name and Title:_____

Name of Vendor Organization:_____

Phone: _____

Email: _____