

## **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE TIMBER SALE PURCHASERS**

As stated in the timber sale notice, sealed bids will be received at the Coos Bay District Office, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon 97459, by 10:00am Pacific Time on Friday, April 24, 2020.

Tract Number ORC040-TS-2020.0032 Upper Rock Divide has been administratively protested. Any sealed bids submitted prior to bidder receipt of written notification of this protest may be withdrawn prior to the opening of sealed bids. The Bureau of Land Management will proceed with normal bidding on the tract. The award of the sale may be delayed and in the event the protest is sustained, the Authorized Manager may reject all bids. Conversely, if the protest is denied, the Authorized Manager may exercise his discretion to give immediate full force and effect to the decision and proceed to award the contract. If this should occur, the protestant has the right to appeal and to petition the Department of Interior Office of Hearings and Appeals to stay the implementation of the decision. The high bidder will be notified following the sale and will be required to sign a form acknowledging notice of the protest.

For set-aside tracts, the bidder must not have been determined by the Small Business Administration to be ineligible for preferential award of set-aside sales. A self-certification statement must be submitted with the bid that shows that the bidder is qualified as a small business concern as defined by the Small Business Administration in its regulations. The self-certification clause must be dated with today's sale date. Sale award to the high bidder will not be made for a period of five days. During this period, a bidder or other interested party may protest the small business status of the high bidder. If a protest is made, the sale award will be suspended pending determination of the bidder's qualifications by the Small Business Administration. Protests must be submitted in writing.

The sale was advertised in *The World Newspaper* on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Sale notices were sent to all on the mailing list and were also available at the Coos Bay District Office. Supplementary information and copies of the proposed sale contract were available for review at the Coos Bay District Office.

Any or all bids may be rejected and minor deficiencies in the bids or the sale advertisement may be waived when in the Government's interest to do so.

Prior to the award of any forest product sale, the Bureau of Land Management may require the high bidder to furnish such information as is necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the obligations of the contract. Those bidders who have demonstrated poor performance, including recent contract defaults, may be required to provide additional performance assurances in the form of advance payment and/or an increased performance bond as a condition for award of contract. These additional requirements may be requested on a case-by-case basis.

To qualify for bidding, the required bid deposit must be submitted, a bid for not less than the advertised appraised price on a unit basis per product or species and total price, along with other

qualifying documents stipulated in the sale notice. Bids and bid bonds must be on forms provided by the Bureau of Land Management. In the event of a tie in high sealed bids, the high bidder will be determined by lot from among those who submitted the tie high bids.

All prospective purchasers who submitted bids will be notified of the results by phone no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020.

If you have any questions please contact the Coos Bay District office at (541) 756-0100, or [BLM OR CB Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_CB_Mail@blm.gov)