

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE LANDS DIVISION
INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR TIMBER SALE
ON CERTAIN STATE LANDS IN
WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that sealed bids for the purchase and removal of timber will be received by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources until 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, 468 Folsom Administrative Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901.

The timber made the subject of this notice is located on a portion of the following described lands:

Walker County, Alabama, Township 14 South, Range 8 West; Section 10 the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, containing 38 acres more or less to be thinned.

Tract listed above to be thinned via operator select to an approximate basal area of 70.

VOLUMES: The estimated timber volumes are as follows:

Pine Pulpwood	500 TONS
Pine CNS	705 TONS

Volumes are not guaranteed and all bidders must satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of estimated quantity.

TIMBER: The timber to be left within the sale area should consist of dominant and co-dominant classes resulting in a healthy and well distributed stand with an approximate basal area of 70. All diseased, forked, deformed, broken or undesirable trees should be removed from stand. All external boundaries of the sale area are marked by yellow tract boundaries. Stream side management zones are marked with blue paint and are not included in the sale area. **No trees within the stream side management zones are to be cut.**

TERMS OF SALE: Bids submitted must state the per unit bid for each product class for a 12-month contract. Each bid submitted must be accompanied by a CERTIFIED or CASHIER'S check representing a bid deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00. Bids submitted without such check will not be considered. Certain landowner assistance is required in addition to the payment of the bid price.

All bids submitted should be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "**WALKER COUNTY, KIMBRELL PLANTATION TRACT TIMBER BID, NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL 1:30 P.M., TUESDAY, SEPTMBER 8TH, 2009.**"

Unsuccessful bidder's deposits will be returned promptly. The successful bidder's deposit will be applied toward the purchase price, the balance of which must be paid at the time of execution of the timber sale agreement.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids. An advance deposit equal to 50% of bid amount of the total estimated volume will be required at the time of the contract execution. Once the value of the timber harvested exceeds the advance deposit, additional payments will be made to the State Lands Division on a weekly basis for the products harvested that week based on verified scale tickets.

LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE: The successful bidder will be obligated to perform the following work as additional contract consideration:

1. At the completion of the harvesting operation, contractor shall reopen an existing eight-foot wide firebreak along all tract boundaries. This shall include removal of tops and other debris resulting from the harvest operation and/or removal of existing vegetation to make it accessible for use as a firebreak.

CONTRACT TERMS: Any sale shall be on the terms of the standard Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Timber Sale Agreement, and shall include the following:

1. The contractor must make provisions for access to the property.
2. The contractor will be required to post security for performance in the amount of \$10,000. The required security may be in the form of a certified check, an irrevocable letter of credit with a bank approved by the State Lands Division, or a surety bond with a company authorized to do business within the State of Alabama.
3. The contractor shall have 12 months from the date of contract execution in which to cut and remove the timber. At the time of contract execution, contractor shall have an option of payment of an additional ten percent (10%) of the bid price to extend the contract for an additional six-month period in which to cut and remove timber. If exercised, the option payment is due at the time of contract execution.
4. The successful bidder (if any) shall be required to pay the cost (approximately \$500.00) of advertising this invitation for bids.

The successful bidder must execute and return the contract to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within ten days following the date of receipt; otherwise, the award may be deemed to have been withdrawn and the deposit forfeited to the State.

All laws of the State of Alabama concerning the sale of timber from state properties shall govern this sale whether or not included in this notice. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin or disability in its hiring practices or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Persons desiring to inspect the timber or further information regarding this sale may contact the State Lands Division, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901, or by telephone at (334) 242-3484.

M. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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