Form 5440-9
(January 2018)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Name of Bidder
Tract Number
Sale Name
Sale Notice *(dated)*
BLM District

DEPOSIT AND BID FOR: (Check One):

☐ **Timber and/or Other Wood Products or**
(Examples of Other Wood Products: biomass, firewood, posts, poles, etc…)

☐ **Vegetative Resources**
(Examples of Vegetative Resources: boughs, pinyon nuts, cones, plants, etc…)

☐ Sealed Bid for Sealed Bid Sale	☐ Written Bid for Oral Auction Sale
Time for opening sealed bids ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.	Sale commences ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.
On *(date)* Place	On *(date)* Place

In response to the above dated Sale Notice, the required deposit and bid are hereby submitted for the purchase of designated Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources on the tract specified above.

Required bid deposit is $ _____ and is enclosed in the form of:

☐ cash ☐ money order ☐ cashier's check ☐ certified check ☐ bank draft

☐ bid bond of corporate surety on approved list of the United States Treasury ☐ guaranteed remittance approved by the authorized officer.

IT IS AGREED That the bid deposit shall be retained by the United States as liquidated damages if the bid is accepted and the undersigned fails to execute and return the contract, together with any required performance bond and any required payment within 30 days after the contract is received by the successful bidder. It is understood that no bid for less than the appraised price on a unit basis per product and species will be considered. If the bid is rejected the deposit will be returned.

BID SCHEDULE – **TIMBER AND/OR OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS OR VEGETATIVE RESOURCES**
NOTE: Bidders should carefully check computations in completing the Bid Schedule

BID SUBMITTED					**ORAL BID MADE**	
PRODUCT & SPECIES	UNIT	ESTIMATED VOLUME OR QUANITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL VALUE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL VALUE
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
			X	=	X	=
		TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE				

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If sale contract is executed, undersigned is liable for total purchase price including all modifications executed under the terms of the contract. Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources designated for taking may be less or more than total estimated volume or quantity shown above. Undersigned certifies bid was arrived at by bidder or offeror independently, and was tendered without collusion with any other bidder or offeror. In submitting or confirming this bid, undersigned agrees to the foregoing provisions, applicable regulations, and certifies that he is authorized to act as, or on behalf of, the bidder.

Bid submitted on *(date)*

(Check appropriate box, sign in ink, and complete the following)

☐ Signature, if firm is individually owned	Name of firm *(type or print)*
☐ Signatures, if firm is a partnership or L.L.C.	Business address, include zip code *(type or print)*
☐ Corporation organized under the state laws of	*(To be completed following oral bidding)* I HEREBY confirm the above oral bid By *(signature)*
Signature of Authorized Corporate Signing Officer	
Title	Date
Submit bid, in *duplicate*, to qualify for either an oral auction or sealed bid sale together with the required bid deposit made payable to the Department of the Interior – BLM. Oral Auction – Submit to Sales Supervisor prior to closing of qualifying period for tract.	Sealed Bid – Send to District Manager, who issued the sale notice, in a sealed envelope marked on the outside: (1) "Bid for Timber and/or Other Wood Products or (1a) "Vegetative Resources " (2) Time bids are to be opened (3) Legal description

NOTICES

The PrivacyAct and the regulations in 43 CFR 2.223(d) require that you be furnished with the following information:

AUTHORITY: 38 FR 6280 and 43 CFR 5442.1

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To qualify an oral auction bidder, and then if successful, to bind bidder to certain contract conditions.

ROUTINE USES: To determine that an individual is qualified to participate in oral auction bidding, and, as surety that bidder will fulfill contract requirements.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Filing this deposit and bid information is necessary only when an individual wishes to participate in a sealed or auction bid sale for Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. *AUTHORITY* – Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources, located on the revested Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands and on the reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands is administered and sold pursuant to authority of the Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874; 43 U.S.C. 1181a); Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources located on other public lands of the United States under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management are administered and sold pursuant to authority of the Act of July 31, 1947 (61 Stat. 681), as amended, by the Act of July 23, 1955 (69 Stat. 367; 30 U.S.C. 601 et. seq.). Regulations of the Secretary of the Interior governing sale of Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources, are codified in 43 CFR Group 5400.

2. *QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS* – A bidder for sale of Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources must be either (a) a citizen of the United States, (b) a partnership composed wholly of such citizens, (c) an unincorporated association composed wholly of such citizens, or (d) a corporation authorized to transact business in the State in which the Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources are located.

3. *INSPECTION OF TIMBER AND/OR OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS OR VEGETATIVE RESOURCES* – Bidder is invited, urged, and cautioned to inspect the Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources prior to submitting a bid. By executing the Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources sale contract, bidder warrants that the contract is accepted on the basis of his examination and inspection of the Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources and his opinion of its value.

4. *DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY* – Government expressly disclaims any warranty of the fitness of the designated Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources for any purpose of the bidder; all Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources are to be sold "As Is" without any warranty of merchantability by Government. Any warranty as to the quantity or quality of Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources to be sold is expressly disclaimed by Government.

5. *BIDS* – Sealed or written bids for not less than the advertised appraised price, per Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources must be submitted in duplicate to the District Manager who issued *Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources Sale Notice.*

(a) *Sealed Bid Sales* – Bids will be received until time for opening which is set out in the Notice. Enclose both copies of bid with required bid deposit in a sealed envelope marked on the outside *Bid for Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources*, time bid is to be opened, tract number, and legal description of land on which Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources are located. In event of a tie, the high bidder shall be determined by lot from among those who submitted the tie bids.

(b) *Auction Sales* – Submission of the required bid deposit and a written bid is required to qualify for oral bidding. Oral bidding shall begin from the highest written bid. No oral bid will be considered which is not higher than the preceding bid. In the event there is a tie in high written bids, and no oral bidding occurs, the bidder who was the first to submit his bid deposit and written bid shall be declared the high bidder. If the officer conducting the sale cannot determine who made the first submission of high tie written bids, the high bidder shall be determined by lot. High bidder must confirm his bid, in writing, immediately upon being declared high bidder.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in 43 CFR 5442.2, bids will not be considered in resale of Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources remaining from an uncompleted contract from any person or affiliate of such person who failed to complete the original contract because of (1) cancellation for the purchaser's breach or (2) through failure to complete payment by expiration date.

(d) When it is in the interest of the Government to do so, it may reject any and all bids and may waive minor deficiencies in bids or in sale advertisement.

6. *BID FORMS* – All sealed, written bids, and confirmation of oral bids shall be submitted on forms provided by Government.

(a) *Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources Sales* – For each product and species, bids shall specify (1) Bureau of Land Management estimated unit volume or quantity, (2) bidder's price per unit and total value, and (3) bidder's total purchase price. Estimated volume and price per unit are to be used for administrative and appraisal purposes only. Upon award of contract, the high bidder agrees to pay the Government for the Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources designated for removal in accordance with the terms of the contract. Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative designated for taking may be less or more than total estimated volume or quantity shown above.

7. *BID DEPOSIT* – All bidders must make a deposit of not less than the amount specified in the *Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources Notice*. Deposit may be in the form of cash, money orders, bank drafts, cashiers or certified checks made payable to the Department of the Interior – BLM, bid bonds of a corporate surety shown on the approved list of the United States Treasury Department (*Applies To Timber Only*), or any approved guaranteed remittance approved by the Contracting Officer. Upon conclusion of bidding, the bid deposit of all bidders, except high bidder, will be returned. The cash deposit of the successful bidder may be applied toward the required sale deposit and/or the purchase price. Cash not applied to the sale deposit or the purchase price, or a corporate surety bid bond, will be returned at the time the contract is signed by the Government.

8. *AWARD OF CONTRACT* – Government may require high bidder to furnish such information as is necessary to determine the ability of bidder to perform the obligation of contract. Contract will be awarded to high bidder, unless he is not qualified or responsible or unless all bids are rejected. If high bidder is not qualified or responsible or fails to sign and return the contract together with required performance bond and any required payment, contract may be offered and awarded to the highest bidders qualified, responsible, and willing to accept the contract.

9. *TIMBER AND/OR OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS OR VEGETATIVE RESOURCES SALE CONTRACTS* – To be executed by purchaser, has been prepared by Government, and may be examined in the District or Field Manager's office.

10. *PERFORMANCE BOND – (Primarily Used For Timber Sales)*

(a) A performance bond in an amount of not less than 20 percent of total purchase price is required, but the amount of the bond shall not be in excess of $500,000, except when the purchaser opts to increase the minimum bond to permit cutting prior to payment as provided in 43 CFR 5451.2, or in the event the purchaser is a holder of an unresolved default the bond may be increased as provided in 43 CFR 5450.1(b). Performance bond may be (1) bond of a corporate surety shown on approval list issued by the United States Treasury Department and executed on an approved standard form, (2) personal surety bond executed on an approved standard form if Government determines principals and bondsman are capable of carrying out the terms of the contract, (3) cash bonds, (4) negotiable securities of the United States, or (5) any guaranteed remittance approved by the Contracting Officer.

(b) If purchaser elects to cut Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources without skidding or yarding it to a loading point or removing it prior to the payment of the second or subsequent installments, Government shall require an increase in amount of performance bond initially required by an amount equal to the value of Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources to be cut. Such increase must be on a bond rider form supplied by Government and be approved, in writing, by Government prior to cutting Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources covered by the bond increase. This increased amount of bond shall be used to assure payment for Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources cut in advance of payment.

11. *PAYMENT BOND— (Primarily Used For Timber Sales)*

If purchaser elects to (a) cut and remove Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources, or (b) remove Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources already cut which has been secured by an increased performance bond as provided in paragraph 10(b) above, before payment of the second or subsequent installments, Government shall require a payment bond on a form supplied by Government. Purchaser shall obtain written approval from Government of payment bond prior to cutting and/or removal of Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources covered by the bond. Payment bond shall be used to assure payment for Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources cut and/or removed in advance of payment.

12. *PAYMENT OF PURCHASE PRICE* – For sales of $500 or more, Government may allow payment by installments. Except as discussed in paragraphs 10 and 11 above, no part of any Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources sold may be severed, cut, or removed unless advance payment has been made as provided in contract.

13. *LIQUIDATED DAMAGES* – Within thirty (30) days from receipt of *Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources Sale Contract*, the successful bidder shall sign contract and return it to Government, together with required bond and any required payment. If successful bidder fails to comply within the stipulated time, his bid deposit shall be retained by Government as liquidated damages.

14. *NINETY-DAY SALES* – If no bid is received within time specified in the advertisement of sale and if Government determines that there has been no significant rise in the market value of Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources, it may, in its discretion, keep the sale open, not to exceed ninety (90) days.

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15. *UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY* – A sale may be refused to high bidder who has been notified that he has failed to make satisfactory arrangements for payment of damages resulting from unauthorized use of, or injury to, property of the United States.

16. *EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE* – This contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, which sets forth the nondiscrimination clauses. Copies of this order may be obtained from the District Manager. 43 CFR 60-1.7(b) requires that the Equal Opportunity *Compliance Report Certification* will be completed by prospective contractors. Certification may be obtained from District Manager.

17. *LOG EXPORT* – All timber offered for sale except as noted in the *Timber Sale Notice* is restricted from export from the United States in the form of unprocessed timber and cannot be used as a substitute for exported private timber. For the purpose of this contract, unprocessed timber is defined as: (1) any logs except those of utility grade or below, such as saw logs, peeler logs, and pulp logs; (2) cants or squares to be subsequently remanufactured exceeding eight and three quarters (8-3/4) inches in thickness; (3) split or round bolts or other roundwood not processed to standards and specifications suitable for end product use; or (4) western red cedar lumber which does not meet lumber of American Lumber Standards Grades of Number 3 dimensions or better, or Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau R-List Grades of Number 3 common or better. Timber manufactured into the following will be considered processed: (1) lumber and construction timbers, regardless of size, manufactured to standards and specifications suitable for end product uses; (2) chips, pulp and pulp products; (3) green or dry veneer and plywood; (4) poles and piling cut or treated for use as such; (5) cants, squares, and lumber cut for remanufacture of eight and three quarters (8-3/4) inches in thickness or less;or (6) shakes and shingles. In event purchaser wishes to sell any or all of timber restricted from export in the form of unprocessed timber, the buyer, exchanges, or recipient shall be required to comply with contractual provisions relating to "*unprocessed timber*". Special reporting, branding and painting of logs may be included in contract provisions.*

18. *DETAILED INFORMATION* – Detailed information concerning contract provisions, bid, performance bond forms, tract location maps, and access conditions may be obtained from the District Manager. All persons interested in bidding on the products listed are encouraged to familiarize themselves with all such detailed information.