

Form 5440-009
(April 2025)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

DEPOSIT AND BID FOR: (Check One):

☐ Timber and/or Other Wood Products
(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

Deadline for accepting sealed bids

☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.

Sale commences

☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.

On (date) Place

On (date) Place

Name of Bidder

Tract Number

Sale Name

Sale Notice (dated)

BLM Office

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. If not otherwise specified in the advertisement, bids for less than the advertised price will not 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 of MEASURE	ESTIMATED VOLUME OR QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	PRODUCT VALUE (Quantity X Price)	UNIT PRICE	PRODUCT VALUE (Quantity X Price)
			\$	\$	\$	= \$
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TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE				\$		\$

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 removal may be less or more than total estimated volume or quantity shown above.

Bid submitted on *(date)*

By signing this form, the signatory is certifying the following:

- ☐ (a) The signatory is a citizen of the United States, a partnership composed wholly of such citizens, an unincorporated association composed wholly of such citizens, or a corporation authorized to transact business in the state in which the timber is located.
- ☐ (b) The signatory is the age of majority in the state of the sale.
- ☐ (c) The signatory is an authorized representative if not signing as an individual and certifies that he or she is authorized to act as or on behalf of the bidder.
- ☐ (d) The signatory and any affiliates have not exported unprocessed private timber from west of the 100th meridian in the lower 48 states in the 24-months prior to the sale date shown on this form.
- ☐ (e) The signatory's bid was arrived at by bidder or offeror independently and was tendered without collusion with any other bidder or offeror.
- ☐ (f) The signatory and any affiliates are not currently suspended or debarred from contracting with the Federal government unless issued an exception by the Department's Director of the Office of Acquisition and Property Management (exception must be attached to bid form).

Mark each box above to acknowledge each of the certifying statements and complete sections 1-3 as appropriate and sections 4 and 5:

1. Signature, if firm is individually owned	4. Name of firm <i>(type or print)</i>
2. Signatures, if firm is a partnership or L.L.C. i. _____ ii. _____	5. Business address, include zip code <i>(type or print)</i>
3. Corporation - organized under the state laws of: Signature of Authorized Corporate Officer: _____ Title: _____	<i>(To be completed following oral bidding)</i> I HEREBY confirm the above oral bid By <i>(signature)</i>: _____ Date _____

Submit bid to qualify for either an oral auction or sealed bid sale, together with the required bid deposit.

Make remittance payable to: "Department of the Interior – BLM"

Oral Auction – Submit to Sale Supervisor prior to closing of qualifying period for tract.

Sealed Bid – Send to Contracting Officer, who issued the sale notice, in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with:

- (1) "Bid for Timber and/or Other Wood Products" or "Bid for Vegetative Resources" depending on the products being sold.
- (2) Time bids are to be opened.
- (3) Legal description.
- (4) Sale name and number.

NOTICES

The Privacy Act 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.

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. 2601); 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/her examination and inspection of the Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources and his/her 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* – Each Sealed or written bid for Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources must be submitted to the Contracting Officer who issued *Timber and/or Other Wood Products or Vegetative Resources Sale Notice*.

(a) *Sealed Bid Sales* – Bids will be received until time specified in the Advertisement. Enclose the 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, timber sale name and 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) *Oral 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/her 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/her 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 Resources designated for removal may be less or more than the 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 shall be applied toward the required sale deposit and/or the purchase price. If the BLM fails to award the timber sale within 90 days of the determination of the high bidder, a portion of the bid deposit may be refunded to the high bidder upon written request to the authorized officer, such that the BLM retains a deposit of at least 5% of the appraised value. The remainder of the full bid deposit must be resubmitted to the BLM once the high bidder is notified in writing that the delay of award has been remedied and the authorized officer is prepared to issue the contract. If the high bidder is unable to provide the full amount of the bid deposit within 30 days of the written notification, the sale may be re-auctioned and the high bidder will be barred from participating in any subsequent auctions for the same tracts.

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/she 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. If contract award is delayed more than 90 days, half of the bid deposit may be refunded to the high bidder until the sale award process resumes.

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/her 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.

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

16. [RESERVED]

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 any exporters of unprocessed private timber west of the 100th meridian in the contiguous 48 states within 24-months of the sale date are not eligible to purchase Federal Timber west of the 100th meridian in the contiguous 48 states. 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 or construction timbers, except western red cedar, meeting current American Lumber Standards Grades or Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau Export R or N list grades, sawn on four sides, not intended for remanufacture; (2) Lumber, construction timbers, or cants for remanufacture, except western red cedar, meeting current American Lumber Standards Grades or Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau Export R or N list clear grades, sawn on four sides, not to exceed twelve inches in thickness; (3) Lumber, construction timbers, or cants for remanufacture, except western red cedar, that do not meet the grades referred to in subclause 2 and are sawn on four sides, with wane less than ¼ of any face, not exceeding 8¾ inches in thickness; (4) Chips, pulp, or pulp products; (5) Veneer or plywood; (6) Poles, posts, or piling cut or treated with preservatives for use as such; (7) Shakes or shingles; (8) Aspen or other pulpwood bolts, not exceeding 100 inches in length, exported for processing into pulp; (9) Pulp logs, cull logs, and incidental volumes of grade 3 and 4 saw logs processed at domestic pulp mills, domestic chip plants, or other domestic operations for the primary purpose of conversion of the logs into chips, or to the extent that a small quantity of such logs are processed, into other products at domestic processing facilities.

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