

OPPORTUNITY TO BID

Kopaqhn Logging Unit COEUR D'ALENE INDIAN RESERVATION

The Kopaqhn Logging Unit was advertised in August 2012 with no bids being received on the bid opening date of September 27, 2012. Per BIA Regulation there is an opportunity to submit bids.

This is allowed in 25 Code of Federal Regulations 163.15(c) where it states:

“If no instrument of sale is executed after such advertisement, the approving officer may, within one year from the last day on which bids were to be received as defined in the advertisement, permit the sale of such forest products. The sale will be made upon the terms and conditions in the advertisement and at not less than the advertised value or the appraised value at the time of sale, whichever is greater.”

Since several interested companies have expressed a desire to submit bids and/or have submitted minimum bids, I am making the decision to specify a date and time for anyone interested to submit bids on the Kopaqhn Logging Unit under the previous advertisement. The terms of the contract and bidding instructions are unchanged. If no bids above the minimum are received, a complete Readvertisement of the sale will be conducted in May. The Readvertisement would include updating of the sale specifications and a reappraisal.

Sealed bids in duplicate, on forms provided therefor, available from Coeur d'Alene Tribal Forestry, marked outside "Proposal for Timber, Kopaqhn Logging Unit", will be received until 10:00 A.M. local time on April 16, 2013 at the Tribal Forestry Office. Bids will be opened at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Forestry Office, 402 Anne Antelope Avenue, Plummer, Idaho. For sale is a tract of timber within the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation described as the Kopaqhn Logging Unit. The logging unit is located in portions of Sections 27 and 31, Township 47 North, Range 4 West, and portions of Section 24, 26, 28, and 32, Township 47 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Kootenai County, Idaho.

Approximately 440 acres will be logged with an estimated volume of 2 million board feet (2 MMBF) of sawtimber and 315 tons of Mixed Fir Species tonwood. The minimum acceptable bids and estimated amounts are:

- \$70/MBF for 110 MBF of ponderosa pine sawlogs (6 to 7 inch) (5.51 inch to 7.50 inch scaling diameter).
- \$180/MBF for 970 MBF of ponderosa pine sawlogs (8 inch +) (7.51 inch and greater scaling diameter)
- \$200/MBF for 920 MBF of Douglas-fir and Other Species sawlogs (5.51 inch and greater scaling diameter)
- \$20/TON for 315 TONS of Mixed Fir Species tonwood (4.0 to 5.51 inch scaling diameter)

Bidders will also have the option to purchase an undetermined amount of all species pulp & other products not meeting the above specifications at a flat rate of \$2 per ton. No bids are allowed on pulp & other products.

Each bidder must state the price per thousand board feet, Revised Scribner Decimal C Log Rule using standard taper rules, which will be paid for timber cut and scaled. Only bids from companies that have a current Coeur d'Alene Tribal Business license will be accepted and a fully signed copy of such license must be submitted with the bid package. Indian preference will be applied as per TERO Ordinance and Tribal Resolutions 346 (2003) and 279 (2004).

Deposits in the form of a cashier's check payable to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in the amount of \$12,500 must accompany each sealed bid. The deposit of the apparent high bidder and of others who submit written requests to have their bids considered for acceptance will be retained pending acceptance or rejection of bids. All other deposits will be returned following the completion of the bidding. The deposit of the successful bidder will be applied as part of the purchase price against timber cut on this sale only, or retained as liquidated damages if the bidder fails to execute the contract and furnish a satisfactory performance bond in the amount of \$35,000 within thirty (30) days of the acceptance of the bid. An acceptable performance bond will be in the form of a cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit or other form acceptable to the Superintendent.

The right to waive technical defects and to reject any or all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, conditions of the sale, use of Irrevocable Letters of Credit, and submission of bids should be obtained from Kurt Mettler at Coeur d'Alene Tribal Forestry, P. O. Box 408, Plummer, Idaho 83851 or by phone at (208) 686-1315. Prospectus, sample contract, and bid forms may be obtained by contacting the Forestry office or online from the Tribal website under natural resources/forestry at www.cdatribe-nsn.gov.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2013 at Plummer, Idaho, Robin White, Acting Superintendent, Coeur d'Alene Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

