

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry
Rhinelander, Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE

Good Neighbor Authority Timber Sales

Sales Established under agreement with the USFS,
Nicolet-Chequamegon National Forest
Invitation for Bids
September 23rd, 2021

Sealed bids will be received by the National Forest Liaisons to the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), at the following locations before and on **Thursday, September 23rd, 2021**. Bids are being accepted for the following timber sales:

☐ **USFS Lakewood – Laona District (East) will have 4 tracts to bid for at this time.**

- Tract 10-22 Sideways Sale
- Tract 01-23 Knockout Sale
- Tract 02-23 Twisted Sale
- Tract 03-23 Aspen Hollow

Bids for each sale are to be MAILED to the Lakewood Ranger Station, 15085 State Highway 32, Lakewood, WI 54138 or contact DNR GNA Forester Wm. Jordan Westrick – 715-508-1554 or William.Westrick@Wisconsin.gov to make arrangements for in-person bid delivery. Please mark envelope with “GNA Bid and sale number”. No electronic bids will be accepted.

The bids will be opened at 1:30p.m. and any bid not received by that time will not be considered.

In order to protect the health and safety of our employees and the public, this bid opening will be closed to the public. A conference call will be available for anyone interested to listen and communicate during the bid opening.

Conference call number: 1 (608) 316-9000

Passcode: 31164927#

A second bid opening for tracts not sold on September 23rd, 2021, will occur at 1:30 PM on Thursday, October 7th, 2021. Sealed bids will again be accepted by mail or in-person until 1:30 PM on October 7th, 2021. Contact Jordan Westrick for details on bid results following September 23rd bid opening. Any tract not sold in two bid openings may be sold directly to responsible buyers at or above the current appraised value.

PROCEDURE FOR BID OPENING

The order of public reading of the timber sale bids will be done on a random basis. At any time, up until a sale is read out loud, bidders may pull their bid(s) from consideration. This can be done by calling in on the provided conference call number. Alternatively, bidders may include instructions with their bid indicating their preferred sales. It cannot be done after the tract results are announced.

BIDDING FOR GNA TIMBER SALES

Please note that there is a minimum total bid value listed for each sale. State sales only require that the minimum total bid price be met or exceeded.

- An acceptable bid must have a price for each species and product listed on every sale.
- Only the total must meet the minimum total bid price advertised to be accepted as a valid bid.
- All lump sum bids must also state a product price for each listed product on the prospectus.

Please be aware that the following items are significant to successful contract compliance:

1. Be sure to read all the conditions for each sale carefully. Failure to do so may result in financial penalties.
2. Maintenance of Worker's Compensation Certificate.
3. Maintenance of surety bond and/or letters of credit for **four (4)** full years for each sale Performance Bond.
4. Satisfactory compliance of all requirements and specifications listed in the contract, including:
 - A. Successful purchasers of GNA Forest Service stumpage will need to ensure that the actual logging contractor complies with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). This will be required prior to starting sale (contract signing).
 - B. State of Wisconsin will continue the 30-day payment policy. Payments for scaled wood or haul ticket wood leaving the job must be received within 30 days of billing date. If a payment is later than 30 days, then a late interest penalty will apply. Violations of payment provisions will result in contractor having to pre-pay for the remainder of that sale. Additional payment violation for that contractor will also be logged onto the pre-payment only list, which will require all payments on any state timber sales be pre-paid for a two-year time. Successful completion of pre-payments for 2 years will remove the contractor from the list and they can again have a 30-day payment privilege. No advance stumpage is required unless the sale is designated lump sum.
 - C. The cutting of all trees specified on the timber sale map, which is part of the contract.
 - D. Prompt and proper treatment of all slash where required. It is the responsibility of the timber contractor to spread out all landing debris (slasher ends, stumps, slash, etc.) over the sale area to within two feet of the ground concurrently with hauling.
 - E. Liability to pay double the mill value payments for unmarked or undesignated timber cut or damaged through negligence or carelessness.
 - F. All pulpwood will be sold by the cord or ton on a mill ticket system. Scaling requests can be made for firewood and/or a minimum of 10 MBF of sawlogs. **Some sales have pulpwood and sawlogs combined into pulpwood cords.**
 - G. All pine products cut between May 1 and September 1 each year must be removed from sale area within three (3) weeks from time of cutting. This is to limit the risk of pine engraver damage.
 - H. The policy for the extension of expired contracts is as follows. The first six-month extension will have a 5% increase of bid value and any subsequent extensions will include an additional 10% increase per extension. Please consider this when bidding and scheduling timber sale work on GNA timber sales.
5. Bidding for GNA timber sales **DOES NOT REQUIRE A BID BOND** to be submitted. Winning bidders will have 6 weeks from the date of the bid to submit an acceptable performance bond to the department. If the winning bidder fails to execute the contract and submit an acceptable performance bond, the bidder shall be required to forfeit to the department an amount equal to 10% of the total bid amount. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in the bidder being considered ineligible to bid on any state administered timber sale for a two-year period.

Additional General Sale Conditions to be met are detailed on the website,
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/GNAGeneralInfo.html>

The above-listed items will continuously be scrutinized and evaluated for compliance throughout the time of the contract. Failure to comply with the above-listed or other contract conditions may result in contract closure and may jeopardize your opportunity to bid on future timber sales. Sale contracts can be requested by any of the foresters below or listed on sale prospectus or map.

Any questions regarding GNA Federal Forest timber sales should be directed to the National Forest Liaison/GNA specialists at the phone number below. **Bids should be delivered or sent to this address and clearly marked "GNA Bid and sale number" on the envelope.**

Lakewood Forest Service Office - 15085 State Highway 32, Lakewood, WI 54138
Wm. Jordan Westrick WDNR Forester at (715)-508-1554 for all **Lakewood/Laona District Sales**
William.Westrick@wisconsin.gov