Forest Products Sale Notice

Landsford Canal Forest Legacy Area
Chester County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) will accept sealed, per ton bids for the sale of approximately 6,846 tons of pine pulpwood, 450 tons of pine chip-n-saw, 1,777 tons of pine sawtimber, and 683 tons of hardwood pulpwood to be selectively thinned and clearcut from approximately 249 acres. Removals will include all trees designated with a blue paint mark at eye level in approximately 67 acres of second-thin planted loblolly pine. 132 acres of planted loblolly pine, will be operator-select fourth-row and between first-thinning. The remainder of the sale area, approximately 50 acres of various pine and hardwood will be clearcut. SCDNR does not guarantee these advertised volumes or acreages, and bidders are encouraged to make their own determinations.

The sale areas are part of, and located on SCDNR’s Landsford Canal Forest Legacy Area, situated 12 miles north of Fort Lawn, SC just off of U.S. Highway 21 on S-12-327 (https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/directions?p_id=671) in the northeastern corner of Chester County. The areas to be selectively thinned are marked in blue paint, and the boundaries of the clearcut areas are marked in light purple. The areas to be first-thinned are generally delineated by property lines, roads, firebreaks, and/or distinct changes in timber type. The attached sale maps are believed to be reliable and accurate, but are not absolutely guaranteed.

Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on April 8, 2015 at SCDNR Headquarters, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC – Room 202, at which time the bids will be publicly opened. Bids may be delivered to the opening; mailed to Gary Burger, Statewide Forester, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202; or e-mailed to burgerg@dnr.sc.gov. All bids should be signed by the bidder and clearly marked “Landsford Canal FLA 2015 Timber Sale”. NO VERBAL or FAX BIDS will be ACCEPTED. Mailed bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 7, 2015. SCDNR reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The successful bidder will have 12 months to remove the timber, and a $5,000 performance bond in the form of a cashier’s check or company check will be required within 10 days of notification of award. The performance bond will be held by SCDNR in a non-interest bearing account until satisfactory completion of the harvesting operation. Payments for timber removed, mill tickets, and settlement accountings will be mailed or delivered to Gary Burger (SCDNR in Columbia) on a weekly basis. For further information contact Gary Burger at (803) 429-3900 or at the e-mail address above.

A pre-harvest conference between the successful bidder and SCDNR will be held prior to the commencement of harvest, and BMP compliance will be required. SCDNR advises bidders of their interest in protecting the plants, wildlife, educational, cultural, and aesthetic values that exist on the tract. All logging decks, equipment, felled trees, and debris will be confined to the sale area. Damage to adjoining areas and/or excessive damage to residual trees may incur assessment of damages to the buyer. No logging will be allowed when the ground is subject to rutting, but wet weather extensions may be granted for extensive delays. Existing internal roads will be utilized but must be left free of logging debris and in good condition. The return of the performance bond will be contingent on SCDNR’s inspection of these conditions.