



Invitation to Bid

STATE OF TENNESSEE TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY DIVISION OF WILDLIFE & FORESTRY INVITATION TO BID

BID NO. 13TW-717-1 Tumbleweed WMA

July 16, 2024

The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency offers for sale the timber described in Addendum "A" of the contract and subject to the "General Provisions" of the Invitation to Bid. Sealed bids will be received until:

Date: August 7, 2024

Time: 10:30 am CDT At the following location:

Bids delivered by mail must be mailed to:	Bids delivered by hand must be delivered to:
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Division of Wildlife & Forestry 355 Menzies Road Dyersburg, TN 38024	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Division of Wildlife & Forestry 355 Menzies Road Dyersburg, TN 38024

Printed bids will not be accepted at any other location. This bid can be digitally filled out, signed, and submitted through the online bid link here:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/twra/wildlife/habitat/timbersales.html>

BID

In compliance with the above Invitation and subject to all General Provisions, the undersigned offers and agrees, to purchase and pay for the timber described below, along with the terms and conditions found in the contract, within 15 business days after Notice of Acceptance by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. All of the following information should be provided. **Failure to provide the "required" information will result in rejection of the Bid.**

My bid for the timber offered for sale is: \$ _____ (required)

By: _____

Signature (required)

Print or Type Name

Title of Person Signing the Bid _____

Phone # _____



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SCHEDULE OF TIMBER TO BE SOLD

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is soliciting lump sum bids for mixed hardwood timber within +/- 385-acres on Tumbleweed WMA.

General Sale Description - The timber sale area is located on Tumbleweed WMA approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Ridgely, TN.

The sale area road may be accessed via TN-79. The sale boundary is marked with **BLUE** paint. Please refer to the attached map.

Timber volume for this stand is almost entirely made up of eastern cottonwood, in the pulpwood size class. Purchaser must cut all non-oak trees 2" or greater diameter at breast height (4.5 feet) leaving a stump no greater than 12" in height. Purchaser must not damage an excessive number of planted oak stems.

Non-merchantable trees and non-merchantable portions of trees are to be left sparsely distributed within the sale area and debris are to be pushed away from the WMA access road. No excessive slash piles will be permitted.

Purchaser must approve all loading deck locations with a TWRA wildlife forester or WMA manager prior to establishment.

Tour

A tour of the sale area will be given by TWRA personnel upon request. Interested bidders are also free to view the sale area independently any time before the bid opening.



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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Timber sales shall comply with the procedures outlined in General Services Rule 0690-2-1-.18 (a), Disposal of Forestry Products. The pro forma contract contains the essential terms and conditions of the timber sale contract that is signed by both parties.

The timber sale contract will not be assignable by the purchaser in whole or in part without the written consent of Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency.

The departure from the procedures, stipulations or requirements outlined in the Invitation to Bid and General Provisions may be granted only with approval from the Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency.

1. PREPARATION OF BIDS:

- (A) Failure to examine any maps and/or instructions will be at bidder's risk.
- (B) Bids must be filled out in **ink or typewritten or digitally submitted**. No erasures permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent to the error and must be initialed in ink by person signing bid.

2. SUBMISSION OF BIDS:

- (A) **Bid Envelope** – For printed paper submissions, the appropriate bid number must be on the outside of the envelope and envelope sealed. **Only one bid per envelope**. Please print the name of the bidder, organization and telephone number on the outside of the bid. The State assumes no responsibility for lost or misdirected bids.
- (B) **Signature - Bids must be signed in ink, if printed, or digitally signed, if digitally submitted. The person signing the Invitation to Bid must be a person authorized to bind the bidder contractually. Unsigned bids will be rejected. Unsigned bids cannot be signed after the bid has been opened, even if the bidder or the bidder's representative is present at bid opening. No signatures shall be in pencil.** Name of person executing bid and the organization he/she represents should be typewritten or be legibly printed in longhand.
- (C) **Bid Form** - Only bids submitted on bid forms furnished by the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency will be considered.



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3. **ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:** The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Only bids in sealed envelopes delivered or mailed to the designated location prior to the bid opening time will be considered.
4. **ERROR IN BID:** No bid shall be altered, amended, or withdrawn after the specified time for opening bids. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.
5. **AWARD:**
 - (A) The highest responsible bidder who accepts the stipulations specified in this Invitation for Bids will be declared the purchaser. The purchaser will be required to sign a timber sale contract at which time he will pay the full purchase price and post a performance bond equaling seven (7) percent of the sale price. Both of these amounts shall be in the form of certified check or a cashier's check (Attention: the interior body of the check must not be perforated or have holes punched into its surface), payable to the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency.
 - (B) If the highest responsible bidder does not meet the minimum bid determined by the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency which is held in confidence in a sealed envelope and opened during the bid opening (the "Minimum Bid"), but is within 95% of the Minimum Bid, the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency may negotiate with the highest responsible bidder to accept the Minimum Bid as the purchase price. If the highest responsible bidder accepts the Minimum Bid as the purchase price, then the highest responsible bidder will be declared the purchaser.
 - (C) Should the highest responsible bidder not accept or meet the requirements or stipulations in the Invitation for Bids or General Provisions, including accepting the Minimum Bid as the purchase price, then the next highest responsible bidder will be offered the opportunity to accept the Minimum Bid as the purchase price and accept the stipulations specified in the Invitation for Bids. If the next highest responsible bidder accepts the purchase price and stipulations, the next highest bidders will be declared the purchaser. If the next highest responsible bidder also refuses to accept the Minimum Bid as the purchase price, no award shall be made and all bids shall be rejected.
 - (D) Should two bids be identical in amount, the winner of a coin toss will determine the highest bidder and next highest bidder.
6. **Required Documents:** Copies of the following documents are required to be



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provided to the State by the PURCHASER. Copies can be attached to the signed contract, sent to the State's contact person by mail, or provided to the State's contact person no later than the pre-operation meeting. All insurances shall be in good standing and maintained for the term of the contract. Should the status of any of these insurances or documents change, copies should be forwarded to the State's contact person as soon as possible.

- (A) Proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance applicable to Tennessee, if PURCHASER and/or logging contractor have employees
- (B) Proof of General Liability Insurance applicable to Tennessee
- (C) Proof of Vehicle Insurance for those vehicles utilized under the terms and conditions of the contract applicable to Tennessee
- (D) Proof of legal alien work status, if applicable

United States Passport

Unexpired Foreign Passport with I-551 Stamp

I-94 Arrival/Departure Record

Alien Registration Receipt Card (Resident Alien Card) I-551 (Issued after March 1977)

Alien Registration Receipt Card (Resident Alien Card) I-551 (Issued since 1989)

Alien Registration Receipt Card (Conditional Resident Alien Card) I-551

Temporary Resident Card I-688

Employment Authorization Card I-688A

Employment Authorization Card I-688B

ESTIMATED VOLUME OF TIMER TO BE SOLD

SPECIES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (tons of pulp)*
Eastern Cottonwood	15,500

Bid question can be directed to Damon Hollis at 615-504-6375.



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