

Invitation to Bid - SCFC Timber Sale - Francis Marion National Forest

Bids Will Open October 9, 2023, 11:00 am
SCFC Headquarters 5500 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC (Room 107)
FM 006 ADV TS 24 SPB4

Bids can be mailed, hand delivered or emailed to jdouglas@scfc.gov

All correspondence Must Reference: Att. James Douglas, Bid on Forest Products Sale FM 006 ADV TS 24 SPB4 and in the format/form of: a per unit price for all pine products and a per unit price for all hardwood products. Payments and weight scale tickets will be submitted weekly. Payment of the performance bond is due at the signing of the contract.

Bidding Format Example

Buyers Name	FM 006 ADV TS 24 SPB4	<u>\$XX^{yy} per ton for all pine products</u>
		<u>\$XX^{yy} per ton for all hardwood products</u>

The SC Forestry Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The sale is located in Berkeley County near the intersection of Halfway Creek Road and Highway 41 (32.9633° & -79.7790°).

Approximate Total Tons Available <i>(Buyers is responsible for their own estimate)</i>	~17,499 tons	Performance Bond Required at Contract Signing	\$15,000 ⁰⁰
Total Acres to be Harvested	~150 ac.	Months to Complete Harvest Sale Ending Date	(~6 mo.) April 9, 2024
Site Operability	shovel logging only	Harvest Marked Boundaries	Orange Paint
Harvesting Method	Clearcut	Potential specialty products	NA
Site Restrictions	<p>Equipment Requirement – Logging must be performed by shovel method.</p> <p>Harvesting Requirement – Order of harvesting will be Block 3, Block 1, and then Block 2.</p> <p>Equipment Cleaning Required - Logging equipment will be subject to equipment cleaning in order to prevent the introduction and spread of Non-Native Invasive Plants into the cutting units or sale area.</p> <p>Roads – Shall maintain all USFS roads commensurate to initial pre logging condition during and after all logging activities</p>		

For additional information, contact: James Douglas, State Lands Coordinator: jdouglas@scfc.gov
Telephone: (803) 360-6882.

Sale Requirements: A pre-logging conference must be scheduled between the SCFC State Lands Coordinator, USFS Timber Sale Administrator, and the buyer and a representative of the logger.

Sale Administer: US Forest Service sale administer personnel will have on the ground authority to make decisions and requirements of logging operations, as long as, they are within the confinements of the sale contract.

The successful bidder must comply with the SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act, 2008. This is done by signing a form as part of the contract. Loggers must be able to provide proof of **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY** insurance for the amount of **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000)** with the **USFS & the SCFC named as co-insured**, and proof of workers compensation insurance is necessary before a contract can be signed. Contractors shall follow OSHA safety regulations and shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws as well as EPA Worker Protection Standards and Migrant and Seasonal Workers Protection Act, if applicable.

Best Management Practices: All work must also adhere to the SCFC BMP standards (see SCFC BMP Manual). A courtesy BMP exam from the SCFC BMP Forester is required on this site. At least one responsible person on the logging crew must be a graduate of the South Carolina Timber Operations Professional Program, or equivalent program such as NC Pro Logger or GA Master Timber Harvester.

It will also be the buyers / logger's responsibility to obtain all necessary state and local permits and permission from DOT and any other pertinent entities prior to utilizing any state or local highway / road (or any other) shoulder / right of way associated with this tract. The buyer will also be responsible for performing all the road work necessary to ensure the safe operation of 18-wheel logging trucks.

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