



Vilas County Forestry, Recreation & Land

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PROSPECTUS FOR SEALED BIDS FOR STUMPAGE ON VILAS COUNTY LANDS SPRING 2011

Sealed bids will be received by the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee for the purchase of stumpage on the following descriptions of County owned lands, in accordance with the conditions set forth by the Committee. Bids may be withdrawn by the contractor at any time prior to the opening of the first bid on the first timber tract.

To promote maximum benefit to the environment, the health & welfare of our logging contractors, and to adhere to requirements of forest certification standards, Vilas County requires training of its logging contractors under the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). For a bid(s) to be accepted documentation verifying the bidder is certified under the SFI Training Standard must accompany all bids. Also, successful purchasers of Vilas County stumpage must supply documentation, prior to the commencement of logging activity, ensuring at least one person on site during all harvest operations is certified under the SFI Training Standard. Criteria for the standard can be found at the website www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards or by contacting the Forestry Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Documentation confirming training under the Michigan standard is recognized and accepted.

A Certificate of Insurance naming Vilas County as additional insured will be required with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00.

*Vilas County timber sale contracts will require cleaning and inspection of equipment prior to moving into sales to prevent introduction of invasive species into the county forest.

Bids must be submitted using price per ton and price per MBF where appropriate. Cordwood volume is only listed for reference.

On sales eligible for whole tree harvesting the bidder must indicate their utilization standard (4" Top or whole tree).

Vilas County will be implementing the Haul Permit (ticket) Scale Method. The Purchaser is required to use the Haul Permit System unless otherwise determined by the Committee or its representative.

Woods scaling of cordwood volumes will be converted to weight in tons by use of the 'Cordwood Weight Conversion Factors' in the WDNR Timber Sale Handbook 2461.

In the event that there is a discovery of Annosum Root Rot (*Heterobasidion irregulare*) in Vilas County or an adjacent county during the contract period, the Purchaser shall be required to implement prevention methods for stands that include the harvesting of conifers (excluding spruce and tamarack).