

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #5485

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 11:00 a.m. (local time) on October 21, 2015. LOCATION: PLAINWELL OFFICE, 621 NORTH 10TH ST, PLAINWELL, MI 49080.

PROSPECTUS NOTE: The bidder is advised to inspect the sale area and review the location, estimated volumes, operating costs and contract terms of proposed sales. Please be aware that some landowners may request 60 days or more notice for access across their land.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Game Area Manager, ALLEGAN SGA, for certain timber on the following described lands:

COMPARTMENT 12 PINE (19-019-15-01) / T10N, R14W, SEC. 03, SWNE,NWNE,SENW,NWNW.
T11N, R14W, SEC. 35, SWSW.
T11N, R14W, SEC. 36, NESE,SWSE,SESE.
Muskegon County, Advertised Price \$42,414.30, 62.0 Acres

SALE NOTE: Access may be through other public land.

BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 10/01/2014):

1. Scheduled Bid Location, Date, and Time (2/11)

Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, PLAINWELL OFFICE, 621 NORTH 10TH ST, PLAINWELL, MI 49080, no later than 11:00 a.m. (local time) on October 21, 2015. For further information concerning this sale, contact Cindy McQueer at 269-685-6851 extension 139.

2. Bidder's Qualifications (2/12)

Purchaser shall obtain workers compensation insurance to cover claims under Michigan's Worker's Disability Compensation Act of 1969 or similar employee benefit act of any other state applicable to an employee. If all or part of a timber sale was prepared by a private contractor, that contractor and that contractor's company are not permitted to bid on the timber sale contract. Bids will not be accepted from individuals or companies appearing on the DNR/FRD No-Bid List. This list contains the names of purchasers who previously failed to execute a contract within 21-days or who have a history of poor performance.

3. Preparation of Sealed Bids (1/11)

Bids shall be manually signed in ink; bid prices must be entered for each species and product in the Bid Price column for all material subject to bidding; and all fill-in blanks must be completed. If erasures or other changes appear on the forms, each erasure or change must be initialed by the person signing the bid.

4. Submission of Sealed Bids (6/11)

Bid forms may be obtained from the Unit Manager. All bids must be submitted on the bid form and in an envelope clearly identified as described in this section. NOTE: Only one bid form per bid envelope. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Unit office designated in the prospectus and must be submitted at or prior to the time established in the prospectus. The envelope should show on the outside (a) the sale name or number and (b) the date and time of bid opening as shown in the prospectus. Bids received after the time specified in the sale prospectus are late bids and will be rejected.

5. Public Opening of Sealed Bids (6/13)

If conditions permit, the sealed bids will be publicly opened and posted at the time and place set in the prospectus.

If a bidder, present at a bid opening, has submitted bids on more than one sale, that bidder may withdraw their unopened bid envelopes after being declared the successful bidder on one sale.

6. Award of Contract (1/11)

Award of the contract will be made to the Bidder whose bid, conforming to the prospectus, is most advantageous to the State of Michigan on the basis of total value at rates bid for the estimated quantities. The State reserves the right to reject any bid or waive any minor irregularity in bids received. A written award mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful Bidder shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

7. Down Payment (1/11)

The Bidder to whom award is made must make a down payment within 21 days of the sale award. The amount of the down payment will be calculated as shown in the Bond and Payment Schedule of this prospectus. Only cash may be used to meet this requirement.

8. Performance Security (1/11)

As guarantee of faithful performance, a cash bond, certificate of deposit, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit (LOC) is required within 21 days of the sale award. The amount of the performance security is shown in the Bond and Payment Schedule of this prospectus. If an LOC or surety is used, the coverage must extend for at least 6 months beyond the contract expiration.

9. Timber Sale Contract (9/14)

Additional conditions and requirements common to all timber sales are listed on the timber sale contract (R4031) and are available on line at www.michigan.gov/timber. Contact the Unit Manager for additional information or a sample contract. Within 21 days of the date of the award letter, the bidder must sign the contract and provide the required down payment, performance security, and verification of worker's disability compensation. The down payment and performance security shall be in accordance with the provisions of the timber sale contract, in the sums stated in this prospectus. If these actions are not

taken, then the Bidder, the Bidder's corporation, and the corporation's principals may not be permitted to bid on State timber sales for a period of 1 year. In addition, the Bidder certifies that if awarded this contract, the Bidder will complete the timber sale contract in accordance with its terms and any modifications thereof including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove the included timber by the expiration date.

10. Disclaimer of Estimates and Bidder's Warranty of Inspection (1/11)

Before submitting this bid, the Bidder is advised and cautioned to inspect the sale area, review the requirements of the sale contract, and take other steps as may be reasonably necessary to ascertain the location, estimated volumes, construction estimates, and operating costs of the proposed sale. Failure to do so will not relieve the Bidder from responsibility for completing the contract.

The Bidder warrants that this bid is submitted solely on the basis of the Bidder's examination and inspection of the quality and quantity of the timber offered for sale and the Bidder's opinion of the value thereof and the costs of recovery. No reliance should be placed on the State of Michigan's estimates of timber quality, quantity or costs of recovery. Bidder further acknowledges that the State of Michigan: (i) expressly disclaims any warranty of fitness of timber for any purpose; (ii) offers this timber as is without any warranty of quality (merchantability) or quantity and (iii) expressly disclaims any warranty as to the quantity or quality of timber sold.

11. Certification and Chain-of-Custody (10/14)

Unless otherwise indicated in the contract under section 7 – Other Conditions of the Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements, the area encompassed by this timber sale is certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) - Certificate #SCS-FM/COC-00090N and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) - Certificate # NSF-SFIS-5Y031-SF5. Forest products from this sale may be delivered to the mill as "FSC 100% and / or SFI certified" as long as the contractor hauling the forest products is chain-of-custody (COC) certified or covered under a COC certificate from the destination mill. The purchaser is responsible for maintaining COC after leaving the sale area.

KEITH CREAGH Director

TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

COMPARTMENT 12 PINE (19-019-15-01)

T10N, R14W, SEC. 03; T11N, R14W, SEC. 35; T11N, R14W, SEC. 36.

Muskegon County (Advertised Price \$42,414.30)

SALE NOTE: Access may be through other public land.

A timber sale contract for this lump sum, sealed bid timber sale will be awarded to the responsible bidder offering the highest sealed bid price. Bids must be at or above the following advertised price for each species:

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	ESTIMATED UNITS*	ADVERTISED PRICE	
Pulpwood			
Red Pine	924.00 Cords	\$	43.30 / Cord

In addition, the successful bidder agrees to purchase the following species at the indicated advertised price for a total value of \$2,405.10:

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	ESTIMATED UNITS*	ADVERTISED PRICE		
Sawlogs				
Red Pine	3.90 MBF	\$	176.00 / MBF	
Pulpwood				
Mixed Hardwood	57.00 Cords	\$	16.10 / Cord	
Scotch Pine	801.00 Cords	\$	1.00 / Cord	

^{*} The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 26.56 percent. The estimated units are final and not subject to adjustment. Prospective bidders are urged to examine this timber and to make their own estimates of quantity and quality.

BOND AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- 1. A bond in the amount of **\$2,084.00** to insure faithful performance of the conditions of the contract will be deposited by the successful bidder within 21 days of the sale award.
- 2. Cutting in any sale or unit without the required advance payment would be considered a trespass.
- 3. Total payment must be paid in advance or according to the following schedule:
 - (a) Ten percent (10%) of the sale value must be paid within 21 days of the sale award.
 - (b) The 10% down payment will be credited towards the first unit cut.
 - (c) Payment for each of the following units must be made before cutting begins in that unit:

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PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE
01	50%
02	50%

- 4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
- 5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 04/30/2016.

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Compartment 12 Pine Sale Number: 19-019-15-01

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (1/14)

The sale boundary is marked with red paint.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.4 - Species designation unit(s) (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, all black cherry, red maple, Norway spruce, scotch pine and red pine trees are designated for cutting which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 - Utilization, regardless of merchantability.

2.1.11 - Description of timber note (2/04)

Note that Mixed hardwood includes black cherry and red maple.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.1 - Utilization (2/04)

All listed board foot volumes of sawlog size products in this contract have been determined using a top diameter inside bark of 10 inches.

2.3 - Log Rule

2.3.1 - Log rule (12/08)

All board foot volumes of sawlog size products in this contract have been determined by the International 1/4 Inch Log Rule.

3 - Payments

3.6 - Payment Unit Cutting Schedule

3.6.1 - Order of cutting (1/09)

Payment Units shall be cut in numerical order.

4 - Transportation

4.1 - Construction

4.1.6 - Road construction (1/09)

Construction of new roads or improvements of existing roads shall be done in such a way as to minimize the environmental and visual impacts. Merchantable trees shall be cut and utilized unless otherwise directed. Non-merchantable trees shall be severed and laid flat on the ground. Slash shall be scattered, and not left in windrows and kept a minimum of 10 feet back from the road edge. Stumps shall be set upright, not left on edge, and be moved at least 10 feet away from the road edge. Disturbed soil shall be feathered into the woods and not left in berms or windrows.

4.1.7 - Road closure (10/11)

All new roads and access trails built into the sale must be blocked to vehicle traffic upon completion of the sale or when operations cease for an extended amount of time. In general, this will require constructing double earthen berms at strategic locations using slash and stumps. If a trench is produced it must be opposite of where motor vehicle traffic will meet the berm. These roads and access trails must be rendered impassable to cars and trucks. Temporary berms may be required if no sale activity occurs for 30 or more consecutive days. Contact the sale administrator for specific details of design and placement.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.1 - Hauling restriction (12/08)

Hauling may be restricted on forest roads by the Unit Manager or his/her representative. The restriction may occur during spring breakup or wet ground conditions.

4.2.5 - Two wheel drive condition (2/04)

All existing trail roads on and adjacent to the sale area must be passable by two-wheel drive traffic for the duration of the

sale.

4.3 - Public Right-of-Way

4.3.2 - County R-O-W (12/06)

The county must be contacted prior to crossing or harvesting in the county road R-O-W.

4.4 - Access

4.4.1 - Private property access (3/11)

Permission for access across private land is the responsibility of the Purchaser. The private land owners on either side of the Alger/E. Moore Road access trail should be notified and asked for permission before operations are started.

5 - Operations

5.1 - Notification

5.1.1 - Pre-sale conference (10/11)

A pre-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required prior to beginning any operations to determine landing and road locations. The Unit Manager or his/her representative must be contacted at least 10 days in advance to schedule the conference.

5.1.3 - Well heads and natural gas pipelines (7/07)

The Purchaser is responsible for contacting the gas or pipeline company prior to operating equipment in the vicinity of well heads or natural gas pipelines.

5.1.4 - Post-sale conference (6/11)

A post-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required 5 days prior to the completion of active logging operations to determine clean-up and repair of landings, road edges, and the fulfillment of other contract specifications.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.2 - Slash Removal

5.2.1.2.1 - Slash removal, right-of-way (12/04)

All slash must be removed at least 10 feet from the cleared right-of-way of roads and pipelines.

5.2.1.8 - Slash height (12/08)

No slash or tree tops may exceed 24 inches in height.

5.2.1.10 - No slash in openings (5/10)

No brush or logging debris is to be left in the maintained wildlife opening which is indicated by G0 on the Timber Sale Map. Any damage to the opening shall be repaired according to specifications of the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2 cutting, skidding, and hauling within the sale area, are limited to the period of 12/01 to 03/15. This restriction is because of firearm deer season and wet soil conditions.

5.2.32 - Decking/landing restoration (9/13)

All decking and landing areas must have the surface area restored to a condition equal to or better than before. This is to ensure the proper regeneration of the stand. Wood debris, chips and "cookies" from trimmings must be removed or scattered away from landing and loading areas and may not be windrowed on the edge.

5.4 - Soil Protection

5.4.5 - Soil caution (11/04)

Care must be taken to minimize soil damage due to the wet low ground. Operate with caution when the ground is not completely frozen.

5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

5.8.5 - Protection of raptor nests (3/13)

All trees with raptor nests will be protected if found during harvesting operations. Notification will be made to the Unit

Manager or his/her representative who will notify the Wildlife Biologist so an on-site evaluation and recommendation can be made, if necessary.

7 - Other Conditions

7.2 - Extensions

7.2.2 - No extensions (3/09)

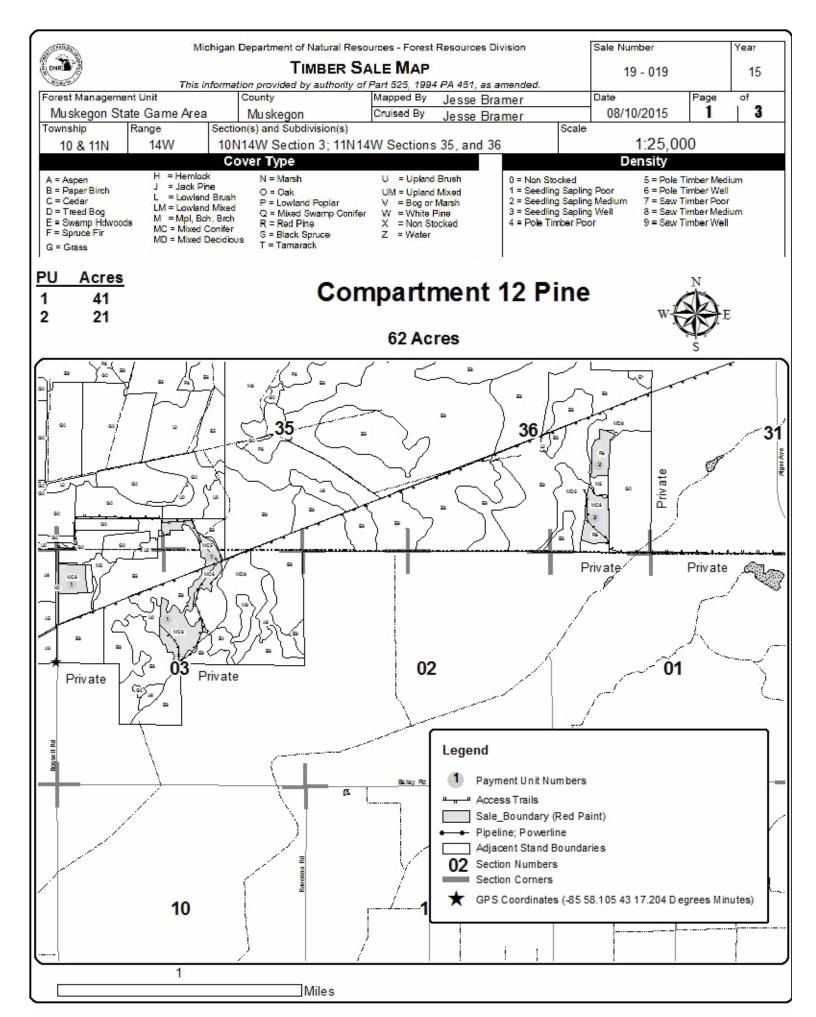
There will be no extensions granted on this contract.

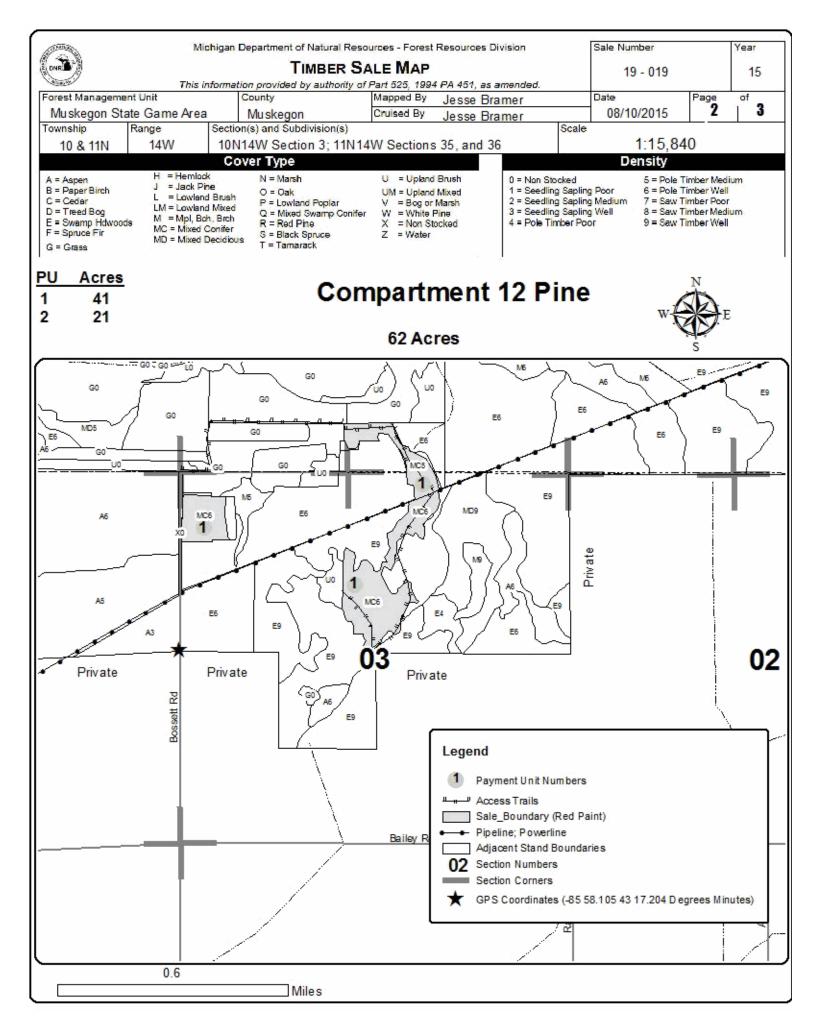
7.10 - Certified Timber

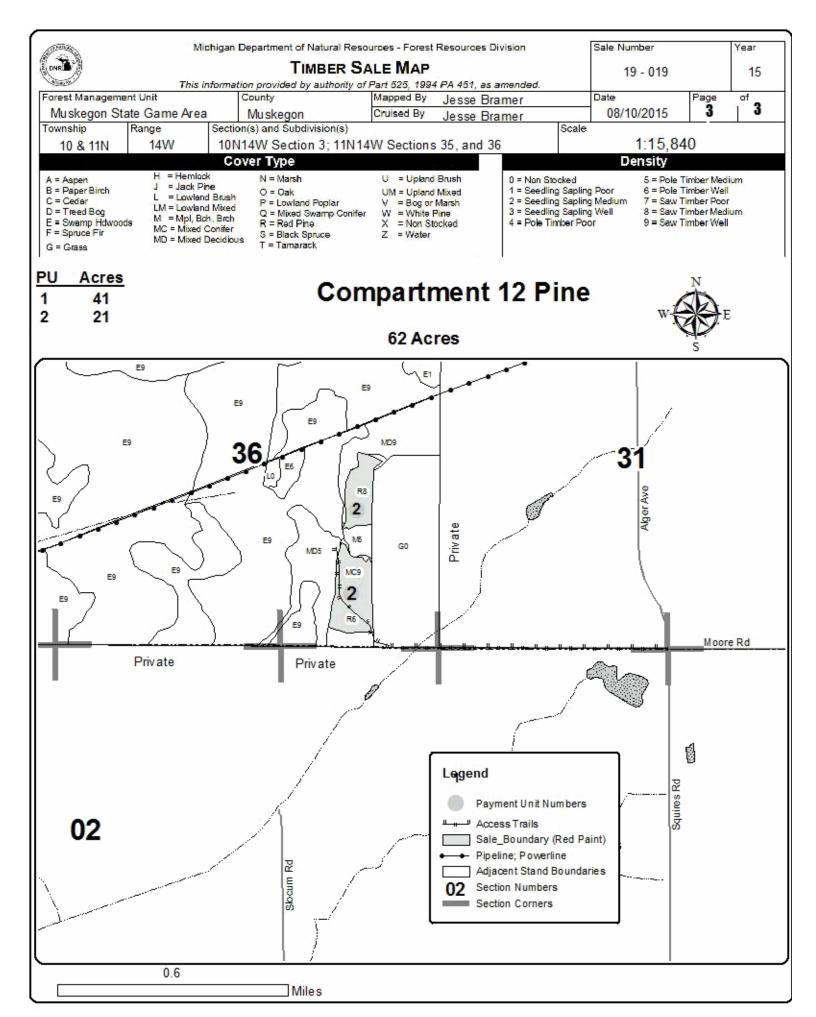
7.10.1 - Non-certified timber (12/05)

The area encompassed by this timber sale is not certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Forest products from this sale may not be delivered to the mill as "FSC and / or SFI certified". The lands within this sale are managed as a State Game Area.

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BID FORM

ALLEGAN SGA PLAINWELL OFFICE

COMPARTMENT 12 PINE (19-019-15-01)

T10N, R14W, SEC. 03; T11N, R14W, SEC. 35; T11N, R14W, SEC. 36, Muskegon County

In response to the notice of sale to be held 11:00 a.m. (local time) on October 21, 2015, I am hereby submitting my sealed bid (firm offer) for the following forest products to be cut. Bids for individual species must be at or above the advertised price. All non-responsive bid forms may be rejected.

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I understand that any or all bids may be rejected. All bids must be signed and all bid items must be bid or the bid form may be rejected. I also understand that consideration and awarding a contract will be based upon my past performance and ability to complete the contract based upo equipment and staffing subject to my control. FEDERAL ID: or SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:					'n		
Company or individual bidding:							
Company representative's name:							
Address:							
City:	State	:	Zip:		_		
IF AVAILABLE, PLEASE PLACE THE P	ERSONALIZI	ED LABEL FROM	YOUR	PROSPECTUS IN	THE ABOVE BOX.		
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Phone number :		Email (or	otional)	<u>:</u>			



Title

Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment Forest Management Division

TIMBER SALE VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

As required by Act 317, P.A. 1969 (Worker's Compensation) and Part 525 of Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY			
Sale Number (XX – XXX – XX – XX)			
Forest Management Unit:			

	VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE						
•	This verification must be completed and submitted within 21 days of contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.						
•	In addition, if boxes 2B or 2C are checked, then Notice of Exclusion or Certificate of Insurance must be submitted within 21 days of the contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.						
•	All Information must be typed or printed e	except for written s	ignatures.				
Ple	ease Check Appropriate Categories:						
1.	 My business is organized as (you must check one of the boxes below): A. Sole Proprietorship (individual) B. Partnership C. Corporation 						
2.	 You must check one of the boxes below: A. I certify that my business is a sole proprietorship and it has no employees but the sole proprietor. I am not subject to the Worker's Compensation Laws. B. I certify that my business has satisfied its obligation to the Worker's Compensation Act through the use of an approved Notice of Exclusion (BWC-337, Rev. 5/96). I will provide a copy of the Notice of Exclusion within 21 days of the contract award. (For questions or a copy of the BWC-337, please call the Worker's Compensation Bureau at 517-322-1195). C. I certify that my business has a Worker's Compensation Policy. I will provide an original Certificate of Insurance within 21 days of the contract award. 						
3.	3. If you have checked item 2(A) or 2(B), you must indicate the number of both full-time and part-time employees, other than yourself, including family members and active partners (if none, you must enter "0").						
	Full-time Er	mployees		Part-time Employees			
Name of Business		Federal ID (or) Social Security No.					
Address			Telephone ()				
City State		ZIP					
occ	ereby certify that the above information is our in factors affecting my coverage during Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative			tify the Michigan DNRE of any changes that operations.			

Date