



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN
TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7457**

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 10:00 a.m. (local time) on July 9, 2024.

LOCATION: SE REGION-WILD, 3580 STATE PARK DRIVE, BAY CITY, MI 48706.

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 , WATERLOO WILDLIFE OFFICE, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Somerset Walnut (26-001-24) / T05S, R01W, SEC. 23, E1/2NW,SWNE.

Hillsdale County, Advertised Price \$87,669.55, 9.6 Acres, Hardwood.

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BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 10/10/2022):

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

Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, BAY CITY OFFICE, 3580 State Park Drive, Bay City, MI 48706, no later than 10:00 a.m. (local time) on July 9, 2024. For further information concerning this sale, contact Don Bonnette at 989-385-5616.

2. Bidder's Qualifications (10/22)

If all or part of a timber sale was prepared by a private contractor, the contractor and that contractor's company are not permitted to bid on the timber sale. A person must be 18 years of age or older to purchase timber. Permanent employees of the Department of Natural Resources or members of their immediate household may not bid. Former employees, in the permanent or seasonal class, may not bid until 3 months after the last day of active duty. 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 (5/16)

Bid Forms may be completed online thru Michigan DNR Timber Sale Online Bidding (OLB) at www.michigan.gov/timberbidding or by completing the hardcopy Bid Form found in the Timber Sale Prospectus. Hardcopy Bid Forms shall be manually signed in ink. Registration in OLB is considered your 'signature' for all bids submitted thru that system. 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 hardcopy Bid Form, each erasure or change must be initialed by the person signing the bid.

4. Submission of Sealed Bids (5/16)

Bid forms may be obtained from the Unit Manager or thru OLB. Bids may be submitted hardcopy or thru OLB. All hardcopy 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.

It is possible for a bidder to submit multiple bids on a single sale. For example, a bid may be submitted hardcopy and a bid may be submitted thru OLB. Or, two bidders from the same company could both submit bids on the same sale. If this were to happen, the State would accept all bids received and award the contract accordingly. All bidding and contractual requirements would apply to all bids received.

5. Public Opening of Sealed Bids (7/16)

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 or announce the withdrawal of their online bid 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. Worker's Compensation (10/22)

Purchaser shall obtain worker's 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. Verification of Worker's Disability Compensation Act Compliance must be completed and submitted within 21 days of contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract. In addition, if applicable, Notice of Exclusion or Certificate of Insurance must also be submitted.

10. Timber Sale Contract (10/22)

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 3 months after the first offense, 6 months after the second offense, and 1 year after the third offense. An offense will only be counted against the Bidder for 5 years. 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.

Payment Unit values in the State Forest Timber Sale Contract are calculated based on the advertised value of the Payment Unit as a percentage of the total advertised value of the contract. The advertised value of each Payment Unit is given in the Description of Timber by Payment Unit table on the Timber Sale Information page. For example, if the value of Payment Unit 1 is advertised as \$1,500 and the total Timber Sale value is advertised as \$10,000, the contract price for Payment Unit 1 will be 15% of the total bid price ($\$1,500/\$10,000 * 100$).

11. Disclaimer of Estimates and Bidder's Warranty of Inspection (10/22)

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.

12. Certification and Chain-of-Custody (10/22)

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.

13. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Requirements (10/22)

If the name of this timber sales contains the acronym GNA, it is authorized by the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) and covered by various agreements between the U.S. Forest Service and the State. The timber sale occurs on federal land and the following conditions apply:

GNA contracts on US Forest Service land will not be awarded to purchasers on the Federal list of excluded parties. The System for Award Management (SAM) will be checked for active excluded parties prior to award of contract. In

addition, the Bidder to whom award is made must complete an Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants (AD-3031).

14. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Requirements, con't (10/22)

Bidder certifies, by signing this bid form, that to the best of Bidder's knowledge that the following representations are accurate and complete.

- a. That the Bidder and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntary excluded from timber sales (covered transactions) by any Federal department or agency.
- b. That the Bidder and its principals have not within a 3-year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining , attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
- c. That the Bidder and its principals are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph b of this certification.
- d. That the Bidder and its principals have not within a 3-year period preceding this bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for breach or default of a timber or forest product contract.

Bidders that cannot certify this requirement, in whole or in part, shall submit an explanation with their bid.

Scott Bowen
Director

TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

Somerset Walnut (26-001-24)
T05S, R01W, SEC. 23.
Hillsdale County (Advertised Price \$87,669.55)

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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. All units of volume listed below were estimated using the Inventory Manager computer program and the new Michigan taper model. Bids must be at or above the following advertised price for each product and species:

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>
Sawtimber		
Black Walnut	49.1 MBF	\$ 1,763.00 / MBF
Pulpwood		
Black Walnut	59 Cords	\$ 18.75 / Cord

* 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 \$4,383.00 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 remainder is due before cutting begins.
 - (c) Payment for each of the following units must be made before cutting begins in that unit:

PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE
01	100.0%
4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 03/15/2026.

SALE STATISTICS

Volumes were calculated in cubic feet using the Michigan taper model. Cubic foot volume includes all wood inside bark for the product indicated. For display purposes, cubic feet were converted to cords and MBF using a simple conversion factor, e.g. 79 cubic feet per cord and 185 cubic feet per MBF. The cubic foot volumes are precise; the cords and MBF volumes are not. Cubic foot volume cannot be directly converted to cords or boards with precision.

SALE VOLUMES

The total estimated sale volume may not equal the sum of the species/products due to the nature of statistical calculations associated with double sampling methodology.

VOLUME		STATISTICAL RANGE IN CORDS		
TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS	PERCENT ERROR	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
13,767	174	0.00%	174	174

VDU VOLUMES

A VDU is a Volume Determination Unit. Volumes and their associated statistics are calculated at the VDU level and summarized to the sale level. There is often a one to one relationship between a VDU and a Payment Unit, but not always, depending on the cruise design. Refer to the VDU TO PAYMENT UNIT table.

VDU	VOLUME		PERCENT ERROR	RANGE IN CORDS	
	TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1	13,767	174	0.00%	174	174
TOTAL:	13,767	174		174	174

VDU TO PAYMENT UNIT

When a VDU is associated with more than one Payment Unit (PU), the VDU volumes are assigned to the PU based on acres of the VDU within the PU.

VDU	VDU ACRES	PU	PU ACRES
1	9.6	1	9.6
TOTAL:	9.6		9.6

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PAYMENT UNIT (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Black Walnut	Sawtimber	49.1	MBF	9.6	\$87,669.55
	Black Walnut	Pulpwood	59	Cords		
TOTAL:			49.1	MBF		
TOTAL:			59	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Somerset Walnut

Sale Number: 26-001-24 Seq#: 1

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (9/19)

The sale boundary is marked and identified by red paint. The painted boundary line trees are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.3 - Cut tree marked unit(s) (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, all black walnut trees are designated for cutting when marked with yellow and blue paint above and below stump height, regardless of merchantability. No other trees are designated for cutting.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.3 - Stump heights (4/07)

Stump heights within the Sale Area shall not exceed 12 inches for trees greater than 10 inches DBH and 4 inches for trees smaller than 10 inches DBH.

2.2.4 - Skidding length (2/14)

Skidding of unlimbed tops is not permissible.

3 - Payments

3.6 - Payment Unit Cutting Schedule

3.6.8 - Operating period (5/16)

Once cutting begins, operations must continue until all Payment Units are completed.

4 - Transportation

4.1 - Construction

4.1.12 - No new roads (1/12)

No new roads will be permitted in any Payment Unit. Skid trails only will be allowed.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.1 - Hauling restriction (12/08)

Hauling may be restricted by the Unit Manager or his/her representative. The restriction may occur during wet weather conditions.

4.4 - Access

4.4.3 - Access gate (12/08)

The access gate at the west side of the Stearns Road parking area must be locked at the completion of each day.

5 - Operations

5.1 - Notification

5.1.1 - Pre-sale conference (10/16)

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

5.1.4 - Post-sale conference (10/16)

A post-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required 10 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.

5.1.6 - Utility R.O.W. (4/19)

It is the responsibility of the Purchaser to obtain permission from the utility company to utilize the power line R.O.W. for operations.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.8 - Slash height (12/08)

No slash or treetops 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

5.2.3.2 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, all operations are limited to January 1 to March 31. This restriction is because the sale is within the designated wildlife refuge of the State Game Area that has no entry April 1 to November 14.

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.

5.2.37 - No decking areas (12/08)

No decking is allowed in the designated parking area on Stearns Rd.

5.4 - Soil Protection

5.4.1 - Rutting restriction, general (7/16)

Operations are to cease immediately if equipment and weather conditions result in rutting of roads and/or skid trails which is 12 inches or greater in depth and 50 feet in length. The Unit Manager or his/her representative may restrict hauling and/or skidding if ruts exceed the specified depth. With the Unit Manager or his/her representative's approval, the Purchaser may return to the area when the risk of rutting has decreased.

5.4.2 - Skid trails (2/04)

Skid trails up and down slopes should be avoided. If however this is unavoidable, these trails will be left in a non-erodible condition using water bars, logs, and slash. Placing of slash on these skid trails while logging is ongoing may alleviate need for any further action. At the direction of the sale administrator, seed, fertilizer, and mulch may also be required.

7 - Other Conditions

7.10 - Certified Timber

7.10.1 - Non-certified timber (2/16)

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.



TIMBER SALE MAP

This information provided by authority of Part 525, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Sale Number 26-001-24	Date 03/14/2024	
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Forest Management Unit Waterloo Wildlife Office	County Hillsdale	Mapped By: Bonnette
		Cruised By: Bonnette

Township 05S	Range 01W	Section(s) and Subdivision(s) Sec. 23 E1/2NW,SWNE;
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Cover Type			
A = Aspen	J = Jack Pine	O = Oak	U = Upland Brush
B = Paper Birch	K = Rock	P = Lowland Poplar	UM = Upland Mix Forest
C = Cedar	L = Lowland Brush	Q = Mixed Swamp Conifer	V = Bog or Marsh
D = Treed Bog	LM = Lowland Mix Forest	R = Red Pine	W = White Pine
E = Swamp Hardwoods	M = Maple, Beech, Birch	S = Black Spruce	X = Non Stocked
F = Spruce/Fir	MC = Mixed Conifer	T = Tamarack	Y = Sand
G = Grass	MD = Mixed Deciduous	Z = Water	
H = Hemlock	N = Marsh		

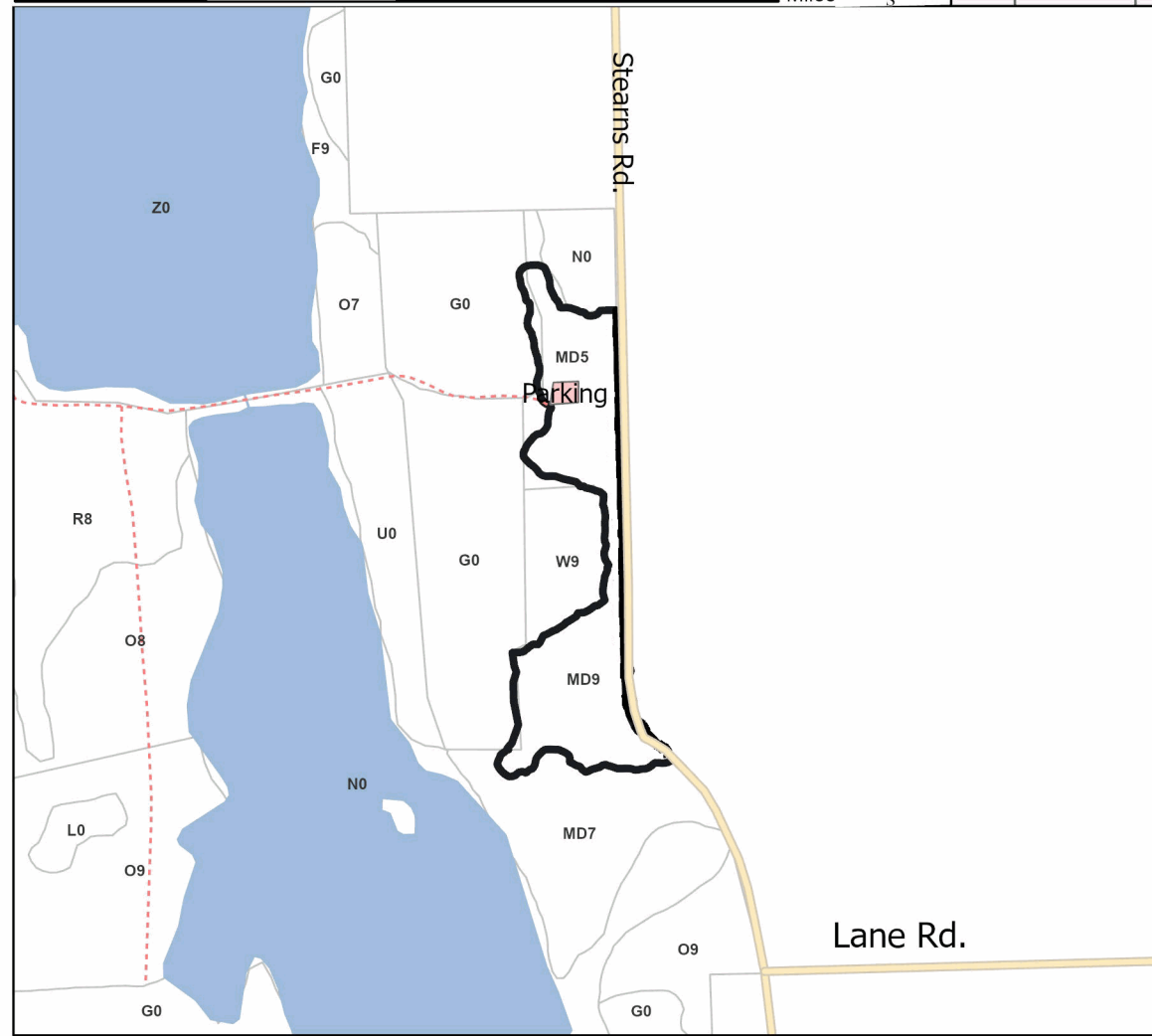
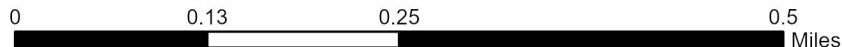
Density	
0 = Non Stocked	5 = Pole Timber Medium
1 = Seedling Sapling Poor	6 = Pole Timber Well
2 = Seedling Sapling Medium	7 = Saw Timber Poor
3 = Seedling Sapling Well	8 = Saw Timber Medium
4 = Pole Timber Poor	9 = Saw Timber Well

PU #	Acres
1	9.6

Somerset Walnut

9.6 Acres

Locator Map (1:200,000)



Legend

- Payment Unit (Red)
- Stand
- Timber Sale Map Generic Polygons
- Primary Forest Road
- Secondary Forest Road
- Forest Access Route
- Administrative Access Only
- Non-DNR Road



Somerset Walnut (26-001-24)
T05S, R01W, SEC. 23; Hillsdale COUNTY

In response to the notice of sale to be held 10:00 a.m. (local time) on July 9, 2024, 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.

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VOLUME*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>	<u>BID PRICE/UNIT</u>
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Black Walnut	49.1 MBF	\$ 1,763.00/MBF	\$ _____
Pulpwood			
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*These estimated volumes 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.

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 upon equipment and staffing subject to my control.

FEDERAL ID: ____ - ____ - ____ or SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: ____ - ____ - ____

Company or individual bidding: _____

Company representative's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IF AVAILABLE, PLEASE PLACE THE PERSONALIZED LABEL FROM YOUR PROSPECTUS IN THE ABOVE BOX.

Individual or company representative's signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number : _____ Email (optional): _____

THE WINNING BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE (ON REVERSE SIDE IF DOUBLE SIDED) WITHIN 21 DAYS OF SALE AWARD DATE



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

TIMBER SALE VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

*As required by Act 317, P.A. 1969 (Worker's Compensation) and
Part 5 of Act 451 of 1994, as amended.*

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 twenty-one (21) days of the contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.
- All information must be typed or printed except for written signatures.

Please 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 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 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 my business has a Worker's Compensation Policy. I will provide an original Certificate of Insurance within twenty-one (21) days of the contract award.

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 Employees

_____ Part-time Employees

Name of Business		Federal ID (or) Social Security No.	
Address		Telephone ()	
City	State	ZIP	

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I agree to notify the Michigan DNR of any changes that occur in factors affecting my coverage during any of my present and future operations.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative

Title

Date

Please complete the "SEALED BID" information on the next page