

SUBMIT BID TO:
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UF UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
INVITATION TO BID
Commodity
Acknowledgment Form

Page 1 of 2 Pages plus Attachments		BID WILL BE OPENED ON February 25, 2016, at 4:00PM, 130 Newins-Ziegler Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611-0410 , and may not be withdrawn within 45 days after such date and time and may not be withdrawn within 45 days after such date and time. Questions are due by February 18, 2016 before the close of business.		BID NO. ITB16LN-110	
UNIVERSITY MAILING DATE:		PURCHASING AGENT Scott A. Sager		BID TITLE: University of Florida Timber Sale 2016 Austin Cary Forest	
VENDOR NAME					
VENDOR MAILING ADDRESS					
CITY - STATE - ZIP CODE					
AREA CODE		TELEPHONE NO.		<p style="text-align: center;">POSTING OF BID TABULATIONS</p> <p>Bid tabulations with intended award(s) will be posted electronically for review by interested parties at www.ore.ufl.edu and will remain posted for a period of 72 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or state holidays. Failure to file a protest in accordance with Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 18.002 or failure to post the bond or other security as required in the BOG regulations 18.002 and 18.003(3), shall constitute a waiver of protest proceedings.</p>	
		FAX NO.			
		WEB ADDRESS			
		EMAIL ADDRESS			

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the vendor and that the vendor is in compliance with all the requirements of the Invitation to Bid, including but not limited to, certification requirements. In submitting a bid on behalf of the Board of Trustees, hereinafter known as the University, the vendor offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted the vendor will convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the University all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the Anti-trust laws of the United States and the University for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the University. At the University's discretion, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders final payment to the vendor.

 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (MANUAL)

 NAME AND TITLE (TYPED)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

SEALED BIDS: All bid sheets and this form must be executed and submitted in a sealed envelope. (DO NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE BID PER ENVELOPE.) The face of the envelope shall contain, in addition to the above address, the date, and time of the bid opening and the bid number. Bids not submitted on the attached bid form shall be rejected. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein. Those which do not comply with these conditions are subject to rejection.

1. EXECUTION OF BID: Bid must contain an original manual signature of authorized representative in the space provided above. Bid must be typed or printed in ink. Use of erasable ink is not permitted. All corrections to prices made by vendor must be initialed.

2. BID OPENING: Shall be public, on the date, location and the time specified on the bid form. It is the vendor's responsibility to assure that the bid is delivered at the proper time and place of the bid opening. Bids which for any reason are not so delivered will not be considered. A bid may not be altered after opening of the bids. NOTE: Bid tabulations will be posted electronically at www.purchasing.ufl.edu. Bid tabulations will not be provided by telephone.

3. PRICES, TERMS AND PAYMENT: Firm prices shall be bid and will include all packing, handling, shipping charges, and delivery to the destination shown herein.

(a) **TAXES:** The University does not pay Federal Excise and Sales taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property or services. The Florida Tax Exempt Number is 11-06-024056-57C. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property or services made by vendors who use the tangible personal property or services in the performance of contracts for the improvement of University-owned real property as defined in Chapter 192, F.S.

(b) **DISCOUNTS:** Vendors are encouraged to reflect trade discounts in the unit prices quoted; however, vendors may offer a discount for prompt payment. Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in the bid award. However, every effort will be made to take the discount within the time offered.

(c) **MISTAKES:** Vendors are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedule, bid prices, extensions, and all instructions pertaining to supplies and services. Failure to do so will be at vendor's risk. In case of a mistake in extensions the unit price will govern.

(d) **CONDITION AND PACKAGING:** It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this bid shall be a new, current standard production

model available at the time of this bid. All containers shall be suitable for storage or shipment, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging.

(e) **SAFETY STANDARDS:** Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid, all manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of Occupational Safety and Health Act and any standards hereunder.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, F.S. All vendors must disclose with their bid the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the University of Florida. Further, all vendors must disclose the name of any University employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the vendor's firm or any of its branches.

5. AWARDS: As the best interest of the University may require, the right is reserved to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none or a combination thereof; to reject any and all bids or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in bids received. When it is determined there is no competition to the lowest responsible vendor, evaluation of other bids are not required. Vendors are cautioned to make no assumptions unless their bid has been evaluated as being responsive.

6. INTERPRETATIONS/DISPUTES: Any questions concerning conditions or specifications shall be directed in writing to the Office of Real Estate. Inquiries must reference the date of bid opening and bid number. No interpretations shall be considered binding unless provided in writing by the University in response to requests in full compliance with this provision.

7. NOTICE OF BID PROTEST BONDING REQUIREMENT: Any person or entity who files an action protesting a decision or an intended decision pertaining to a competitive solicitation shall at the time of filing the formal protest, post with the University a bond payable to the University in an amount equal to: 10% of the estimated value of the protestor's bid or proposal; 10% of the estimated expenditure during the contract term; \$10,000.00; or whichever is less. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against the person or entity filing the protest action. In lieu of a bond, the University may accept a cashier's check, bank official check or money order in the amount of the bond. FAILURE OF THE PROTESTING PERSON OR ENTITY TO FILE THE REQUIRED BOND, CASHIER'S CHECK, BANK OFFICIAL

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AT THE TIME OF THE FILING THE FORMAL PROTEST SHALL RESULT IN DENIAL OF THE PROTEST.

8. GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS: In the event any governmental restrictions may be imposed which would necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the items offered in this bid prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the successful vendor to notify the purchaser at once, indicating in writing the specific regulation which requires an alteration. The University reserves the right to accept any such alteration, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the contract at no expense to the University.

9. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicable provision of all Federal, State, county and local laws, and of all ordinances, rules and regulations shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the University, by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise; and lack of knowledge by any vendor shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

10. LOBBYING: Vendor is prohibited from using funds provided under any contract or purchase order for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature or any official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch or the judicial branch of state government.

11. ADVERTISING: In submitting a bid, the vendor agrees not to use the results therefrom as a part of any commercial advertising. Vendor may not use the names, logos, or trademarks of the University, its employees, or affiliates without the prior written consent of the University.

12. ASSIGNMENT: Any contract or purchase order issued pursuant to this Invitation to Bid and the monies which may become due hereunder are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the purchaser.

13. LIABILITY: The vendor agrees to indemnify and save the University of Florida, the State of Florida and the Florida Board of Governors, their officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all judgments, orders, awards, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, and also all claims on account of damages to property, including loss of use thereof, or bodily injury (including death) which may be hereafter sustained by the vendor, its employees, its subcontractors, or the University of Florida, the State of Florida and the Florida Board of Governors, their officers, agents, or employees, or third persons, arising out of or in connection with any contract awarded and which are the result of the vendor's breach of contract or of the negligent acts of the vendor, its officers, agents, and employees. This clause does not apply to contracts between government agencies.

14. INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND TITLE: Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless otherwise provided. Title and risk of loss or damage of all items shall be the responsibility of the contract supplier, unless loss or damage results from negligence by the University. The contract supplier shall be responsible for filing, processing and collecting all damage claims.

15. PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, TRADEMARKS, ROYALTIES and other Intellectual Property: The vendor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the University and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the University of Florida. If the vendor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

16. CONFLICT BETWEEN DOCUMENTS: If any terms and conditions contained within the documents that are a part of this ITB or resulting contract are in conflict with any other terms and conditions contained therein, then the various documents comprising this ITB or resulting contract, as applicable, shall govern in the following order of precedence: change order, purchase order, addenda, special conditions, general conditions, specifications, departmental description of work, and bid.

17. PUBLIC RECORDS: Any material submitted in response to this Invitation to Bid will become a public document pursuant to Section 119.07 F.S. This includes material which the responding vendor might consider to be confidential or a trade secret. Any claim of confidentiality is waived upon submission, effective after opening pursuant to Section 119.07 F.S.

18. DELIVERY: Unless actual date of delivery is specified (or if specified delivery cannot be met), show number of days required to make delivery after receipt of purchase order in space provided. Delivery time may become a basis for making an award (see Special Conditions). Delivery shall be within the normal working hours of the University of Florida, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise specified.

19. PUBLIC PRINTING - PREFERENCE GIVEN PRINTING WITHIN THE STATE: The University of Florida shall give preference to vendors located within the state when awarding contracts to have materials printed, whenever such printing can be done at no greater expense than, and at a level of quality comparable to, that obtainable from a vendor located outside of the state.

(a) **CONTRACTS NOT TO BE SUBLET:** In accordance with Class B Printing Laws and Regulations "Printing shall be awarded only to printing firms. No contract shall be awarded to any broker, agent, or independent contractor offering printing manufactured by other firms or persons."

(b) **DISQUALIFICATION OF VENDOR:** Reasonable grounds for believing that a vendor is involved in more than one bid for the same work will be cause for rejection of all bids in which such vendors are believed to be involved. Any or all bids will be rejected if there is reason to believe that collusion exists between vendors. Bids in which the prices obviously are unbalanced will be subject to rejection.

(c) **TRADE CUSTOMS:** Current trade customs of the printing industry are recognized unless accepted by Special Conditions or Specifications herein.

(d) **COMMUNICATIONS:** It is expected that all materials and proofs will be picked up and delivered by the printer or his representative, unless otherwise specified. Upon request, materials will be forwarded by registered mail.

(e) **RETURN OF MATERIAL:** All copy, photos, artwork, and other materials supplied by the University of Florida must be handled carefully and returned in good condition upon completion of the job. Such return is a condition of the contract and payment will not be made until return is affected.

END OF SECTION