The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“Agency”, “State”, or “University”) requests Bids from responsible vendors to meet its needs. A brief description is set forth below for Bidder’s convenience, with detailed requirements in subsequent sections of this solicitation. If interested and able to meet these requirements, the State appreciates and welcomes a Bid.

**Brief Description:**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is seeking a Vendor to commercially harvest approximately 142 acres of mature oak-hickory forest at Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County. The management harvest is a lump sum sale under 17 Illinois Administrative Code, Sale of Forest Products, Section 1545.20(a). The harvest will improve forest health and resilience by reducing tree densities to levels that will maintain oak dominance and encourage the development of oak seedlings and saplings.

The resulting contract with the awarded Bidder shall commence upon the last dated signature of the Parties and shall terminate **June 30, 2017**. In no event will the total term of the contract, including the initial term, any renewal terms, and any extensions exceed ten (10) years. Subject to the maximum total term limitation, the State has the option to renew for the following terms: None

The resulting contract has an estimated value that exceeds $50,000.

Please read the entire solicitation package and submit a Bid for evaluation in accordance with the instructions. All forms and signature areas contained in the solicitation package must be completed in full and submitted along with the price proposal which will constitute the Bid. Do not submit the instructions pages with bids. Bidders should keep the instructions and a copy of their bids for future reference.

Forms A and Forms B, may be downloaded from the Illinois Procurement Bulletin (IPB) or from links provided in this document. These sections are a material part of this solicitation, and must be returned when applicable with a Bidder’s Bid.

**Bids that do not adhere to Form and Content of Bid requirements may not be considered.**

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*The following sections of the solicitation may be opened by clicking on the link provided or downloaded from the Illinois Procurement Bulletin.*

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*Complete this section if you are not using an Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG) Registration #*

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*Complete this section only if you are using a valid IPG Registration #*

*To ensure that you are registered in the IPG, search for your business name in the IPG Registered Vendor Directory. If your company does not appear in the search results, then you are not registered in the IPG.*

[***http://www2.illinois.gov/cpo/general/Documents/Forms%20B%20Section%20V.15.2.docx***](http://www2.illinois.gov/cpo/general/Documents/Forms%20B%20Section%20V.15.2.docx%20)

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**SECTION 1. INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. **HOW TO ENTER INFORMATION:** Type information in the text fields provided. Text fields are indicated by the instruction “Click here to enter text.” in red font. If the information requested does not apply to the Bidder’s situation, then enter “N/A” into the text field. Please enter the requested information or N/A into every red text field. Please note that the CONTRACT section of this solicitation may be used as the contract between the State of Illinois and the awarded vendor. If used, then the Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest, Disclosure of Business Operations in Iran, and Standard Certifications provided in Forms A or the Illinois Procurement Gateway, and certifications and disclosures provided in Forms B (if applicable) will become part of the contract.
2. **PUBLISHED PROCUREMENT INFORMATION:** The State publishes procurement information, including updates, on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin ([www.purchase.state.il.us](http://www.purchase.state.il.us)), Illinois Public Higher Education Procurement Bulletin ([www.procure.stateuniv.state.il.us](http://www.procure.stateuniv.state.il.us/)), Illinois Department of Transportation Procurement Bulletin ([www.dot.il.gov/desenv/transprocbulletin.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/desenv/transprocbulletin.html)) or the Illinois Capital Development Board Bulletin (<http://www.illinois.gov/cdb/procurement/>) (collectively and individually referred to as “Bulletin”). Procurement information may not be available in any other form or location. Bidder is responsible for monitoring the Bulletin. The State will not be held responsible if Bidder fails to receive the optional e-mail notices.
3. **Solicitation CONTACT:** The individual listed below shall be the single point of contact for this solicitation. Unless otherwise directed, Bidders may only communicate with the Solicitation Contact. The State/Agency/University shall not be held responsible for information provided by or to any other person.

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| Solicitation Contact: Nicole Bergee | Phone: 217-557-6794 |
| Agency/University: IDNR | Fax: 217-785-8565 |
| Street Address: One Natural Resources Way | TDD: 217-782-9175 |
| City, State Zip: Springfield, IL 62702 |  |
| Email: nicole.bergee@illinois.gov  |  |

Suspected errors should be immediately reported to the Solicitation Contact identified above. Do not discuss, directly or indirectly, the solicitation or any Bid with any State officer or employee other than the Solicitation Contact.

1. **BIDDER QUESTIONS AND AGENCY/UNIVERSITY RESPONSE:** All questions, other than questions raised at the Bidder Conference/Site Visit, pertaining to this solicitation must be submitted in writing to the Solicitation Contact no later than June 23, 2015. Questions received and Agency/University responses may be posted as an Addendum to the original solicitation on the Bulletin; only these posted answers to questions shall be binding on the State. Bidders are responsible for monitoring the Bulletin.
2. **REQUIRED MEETINGS**

Bidder Conference/Site Visit: [x]  Yes [ ]  No

Mandatory Attendance: [x]  Yes [ ]  No

If attendance is mandatory, Bidder (current Vendor included) will be disqualified and considered Non-Responsive if Bidder does not attend, is not on time, leaves early or fails to sign the attendance sheet. Bidder must allow adequate time to accommodate security screenings at the site.

Date: **Thursday, June 18, 2015**

Time: **1:00 p.m. CST**

Location:Trail of Tears State Forest

 3240 State Forest Road

 Jonesboro, IL 62952

 Phone: 618-833-4910

Bidder’s Conference will be held at the White Barn. Please contact the State Forest for directions. [http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/NaturalResources/cultural/Documents/WhiteBarn.pdf](https://www2qa.illinois.gov/dnr/NaturalResources/cultural/Documents/WhiteBarn.pdf)

1. **BID DUE DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS:** Bids will be opened at the Submit/Deliver Bids To address below at the Bid Due Date & Time specified.
	* 1. Bid Due Date & Time

Date: **Wednesday, July 1, 2015**

Time: **2:00 p.m. CST**

* + 1. Bid Firm Time: Lump sum sale. Full payment to IDNR prior to cutting.
		2. Submit/Deliver Bids To: Label (outside of envelopes/containers):

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| Agency/University: IDNR | **“Sealed Bid – Do Not Open”** |
| Attn: Nicole Bergee | Project Title & IPB Reference #: Trail of Tears State Forest Management HarvestIPB Reference#: 22036097 |
| Address: One Natural Resources Way | Due Date & Time: **Wednesday, July 1, 2015** **2:00 p.m. CST** |
| City, State Zip: Springfield, IL 62702 | *Vendor Name* |
|  | *Vendor City, State and Zip* |

1. **ORGANIZATION REQUIRED**: Bids may be submitted in as few as three and as many as five packets. Please follow these instructions carefully.
	* 1. Packet 1 shall contain the Contract section and if applicable a Redacted copy (Section 1, Part A.15).
		2. Packet 2 shall contain the Offer (Section 2, Part B).

If applicable, the packet shall also contain Exceptions to Solicitation Contract Terms and Conditions (Section 3, Part C.1) and References (Section 3, Part C.2).

* + - 1. Exceptions must be provided on the Exceptions to Solicitation Contract Terms and Conditions form or must be in a substantially similar format. Agency discourages taking exceptions. State law shall not be circumvented by the exception process. Exceptions may result in rejection of the Bid.
			2. Additional Bidder Provisions may be stated on this form and should not include exceptions to Agency/University specifications, terms and conditions, or any other part of this solicitation. This is supplemental information that supports a Bidder’s position or, for example, a Bidder’s licensing agreement.
		1. Packet 3 shall contain either Forms A or Forms B. Forms A contains eight forms and shall be returned by Bidders that are not registered in the Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG).

Forms B contains three forms and is only returned by Bidders that have a valid IPG registration number with expiration date and elect to not use the forms found in Forms A.

Separately seal and label each packet.

1. **SUBMISSION OF BIDS**: The Bid must be submitted in separately sealed packets as indicated below and clearly labeled with the Invitation for Bid title, the IPB reference number, the packet number, the Bidder’s name and the wording**: “Sealed Bid – Do Not Open.”** The separately sealed packets may be submitted together in one mailing/shipping box.

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| **Subject Matter** | **# of Originals** | **# of Hard Copies** | **# of CDs or USB flash drives** |
| Contract and if applicable a Redacted copy – PACKET 1 | **One (1)** | None | None |
| SECTION 2 Part B (OFFER) and applicable forms in SECTION 3 Part C – PACKET 2 | **One (1)** | None | None |
| FORMS A or FORMS B– PACKET 3 | **One (1)** | None | None |

1. **SECURITY**:

A performance deposit is required upon execution of the contract in accordance with 17 Illinois Administrative Code, Sale of Forest Products, Section 1545.50. Payment must be in the form of a bank draft, cashier’s check, certified check, or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources in an amount equal to 10% of the bid. The performance deposit will be held by the Department until satisfactory removal of the forest products is made in accordance with the contract, as assurance that the Vendor has complied with the terms of the agreement. The Department has the right to retain a portion of this performance deposit or retain the whole performance deposit at the closing of or termination of the contract for breach of contract or failure of the Vendor to comply with a requirement under this contract or any uncompleted work or repairs.

The performance deposit shall be refunded to the Vendor by the Department only after an on-site inspection has been made and conditions have been met and accepted by the Department with complete performance in accordance with the contract. Refund shall be within 30 days of the completion of the harvest or the Natural Termination of the Agreement.

1. **SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE:** [ ]  Yes [x]  No. If “Yes” is marked, Bidder must be qualified by the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time Bids are due in order for the Bid to be evaluated. For complete requirements and to qualify Bidder’s business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program, visit (<https://ipg.vendorreg.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchRegistry.asp?TN=ipg&XID=7599>).
2. **MINORITY CONTRACTOR INITIATIVE:** The State requires a fee of $15 to cover expenses related to the administration of the Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative. Any Bidder awarded a contract of $1,000 or more under Section 20-10, 20-15, 20-25 or 20-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) is required to pay a fee of $15. The Comptroller shall deduct the fee from the first check issued to the Vendor under the contract and deposit the fee in the Comptroller’s Administrative Fund. 15 ILCS 405/23.9.
3. **FEDERAL FUNDS:** The resulting contract may be partially or totally funded with Federal funds. Upon notice of intent to award, the percentage of the goods and/or services involved which are Federally funded and the dollar amount of such Federal funds will be disclosed.
4. **EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT:** Bidders who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. 30 ILCS 500/45-67 and 45-70. Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue (217-524-4772) for information about tax credits.
5. **GOVERNING LAW AND FORUM:** Illinois law and rule govern this solicitation. Bidder must bring any action relating to this solicitation in the appropriate court in Illinois. This document contains statutory references designated with “ILCS”. Bidder may view the full text at (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>). The Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) and the Standard Procurement Rules (44 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 1, 4, 6, and 8) are applicable to this solicitation and may be respectively viewed at (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=532&ChapterID=7)and>

(<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/044/044parts.html>).

1. **PUBLIC RECORDS AND REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT:** Bids become the property of the State. All Bids will be open to the public under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140) and other applicable laws and rules, unless Bidder requests in its Bid that the State treat certain information as confidential. A request for confidential treatment will not supersede the State’s legal obligations under FOIA. The State will not honor requests to keep entire Bids confidential. Bidders must show the specific grounds in FOIA or other law or rule that support confidential treatment. Regardless, the State will disclose the successful Bidder’s name, the substance of the Bid, and the price.

If Bidder requests confidential treatment, Bidder must submit additional copy/copies (see Instructions for Submitting Bids in Section A.8) of the bid with proposed confidential information redacted. This redacted copy must tell the general nature of the material removed, and shall retain as much of the Bid as possible. In a separate attachment, Bidder shall supply a listing of the provisions identified by section number for which it seeks confidential treatment and identify the statutory basis or bases under Illinois law, including a detailed justification for exempting the information from public disclosure. Bidder must label the attachment as “Redacted” and return it in Packet 1.

Bidder will hold harmless and indemnify the State for all costs or damages associated with the State defending Bidder’s request for confidential treatment. Bidder agrees that the State may copy the Bid to facilitate evaluation, or to respond to requests for public records. Bidder warrants that such copying will not violate the rights of any third party.

1. **RESERVATIONS:** Bidder must read and understand the solicitation and tailor the Bid and all activities to ensure compliance. The State reserves the right to amend the solicitation, reject any or all bids, award by item, group of items, or grand total, and waive minor defects. The State may request a clarification, inspect Bidder’s premises, interview staff, request a presentation, or otherwise verify the contents of the Bid, including information about subcontractors and suppliers. The State will make all decisions on compliance, evaluation, and terms and conditions, and shall make decisions in the best interests of the State and in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, rules and other applicable State and Federal statutes and regulations. This competitive process may require that the Bidder provide additional information and otherwise cooperate with the State. If a Bidder does not comply with requests for information and cooperate, the State may reject the Bid as Non-Responsive to the solicitation. Submitting a Bid does not entitle the Bidder to an award or a contract. Posting a vendor’s name in a Bulletin notice does not entitle the vendor to a contract. The State is not responsible for and will not pay any costs associated with the preparation and submission of any Bid. Awarded vendor(s) shall not commence, and will not be paid for any billable work undertaken prior to the date all parties execute the contract, unless approved in writing in advance by the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer (or designee).
2. **AWARD:** The State is not obligated to award a contract pursuant to this solicitation. If the State issues an award, the award will be made to the Responsive and Responsible Bidder who submits the highest price. The State will post a notice to the applicable Bulletin identifying the apparent high Bidder. The State may accept or reject a Bidder’s Bid as submitted, or may require contract negotiations. If negotiations do not result in an acceptable agreement, the State may reject the Bidder’s Bid and begin negotiations with another Bidder. Awards are not final until all protests are resolved.
3. **REFERENCES:** [x]  Yes [ ]  No. If “Yes” is marked, Bidder must provide references from established private firms or government agencies other than from the procuring Agency/University, which can attest to Bidder’s experience and ability to perform the contract that is the subject of this solicitation. Bidder must provide the name, contact information and a description of the supplies or services provided using the form in Section 3, Part C.2.

Type of References: References from landowners where Bidder purchased and has logged standing timber within the last twelve (12) months.

Number of Each Reference Type: Minimum of two (2) as described above.

**A.19 PAYMENT ADDRESS:** Vendor shall not bill for any taxes unless accompanied by proof the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Vendor may request the applicable Agency’s/University’s Illinois tax exemption number and Federal tax exemption information.

 Send payment to:

Agency Name: IDNR

Agency Department: Division of Forest Resources, Attn: Paul Deizman

Street Address: One Natural Resources Way

City, State, Zip Code: Springfield, IL 62702

**A.20 PROTEST REVIEW OFFICE**: Bidders may submit a written protest to the Protest Review Office following the requirements of the Standard Procurement Rules. 44 ILL. ADM. CODE 1.5550, 4.5550, 6.420, and 8.150. For protests related to specifications, the Protest Review Office must physically receive the protest no later than fourteen (14) days after the solicitation or related addendum was posted to the Bulletin. For protests related to rejection of individual bids or awards, the protest must be received by close of business no later than fourteen (14) days after the protesting party knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest. The Protest Review Office information is as follows:

Chief Procurement Office Phone: (217) 558-3724

Attn: Protest Review Office Facsimile: (217) 558-1399

401 S. Spring Street

Suite 515 Stratton Office Building Illinois Relay: (800) 526-0844

Springfield, IL 62706

**A.21 EVALUATION PROCESS:** The State evaluates three categories of information: Responsibility, Responsiveness, and Price. The State will consider the information provided and the quality of that information when evaluating the Bidder’s Bid. If the State finds a failure or deficiency, the State may reject the Bid or reflect the failure or deficiency in the evaluation.

* + 1. **RESPONSIVENESS**: A responsive bidder is one who submits a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation for Bid, and includes **all required** forms. Required forms may include and may not be limited to:
			1. Subcontractor Disclosure: If the Bid includes any subcontractors, then Bidder shall provide the names and addresses of subcontractors in the CONTRACT, Part 1.6.
			2. References: If references are required, then Bidder shall complete and return the References form in Section 3, Part C.2.
			3. If completing Forms B, then responsiveness may include and may not be limited to:
* Valid Illinois Procurement Gateway registration # with expiration date
* Disclosure of lobbyists for Bidder and parent entity(ies)
* Disclosure of pending and current contracts
* Certifications timely to this solicitation
	+ - 1. If completing Forms A, required forms may include and may not be limited to:
* Authorized to Transact Business or Conduct Affairs in Illinois: A person (other than an individual acting as a sole proprietor) must be a duly constituted legal entity and authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in Illinois prior to submitting a bid. For more information, see Authorized to Transact Business or Conduct Affairs in Illinois in Forms A, Part 3.
* State Board of Elections Registration: Vendor or Bidder may be prohibited from making political contributions and be required to register with the State Board of Elections. For more information, see State Board of Elections in Forms A, Part 5.
* Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number: Bidder shall complete and return the IDHR Public Contract Number form in Forms A, Part 2, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
* Standard Certifications: Bidder shall complete and return the Standard Certifications form in Forms A, Part 4, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
* Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest: Bidder shall complete and return the Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest form in Forms A, Part 7, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
* Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran: Bidder shall complete and return the Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran form in Forms A, Part 6, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
* Business and Directory Information: Bidder shall complete and return the Business and Directory Information form in Forms A, Part 1, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
* Taxpayer Identification Number: Bidder shall complete and return the Taxpayer Identification form in Forms A, Part 8, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
	+ - 1. The State will determine whether the Bid meets the stated requirements. Minor differences or deviations that have negligible impact on the price or suitability of the supply or service to meet the State’s needs may be accepted or corrections allowed. If no Bidder meets a particular requirement, the State may waive that requirement.
			2. When the specification calls for “Brand Name or Equal,” the brand name product is acceptable. Other products will be considered with proof the other product meets stated specifications and is equivalent to the brand product in terms of quality, performance and desired characteristics.
			3. The State will determine whether Bids complied with the instructions for submitting Bids. Except for late submissions, and other requirements that by law must be part of the submission, the State may require that a Bidder correct deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.
		1. **RESPONSIBILITY**: A responsible Bidder is one who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and who has the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. The State determines whether the Bidder is a “Responsible” bidder; a bidder with whom the State can or should do business. For example, the State may consider the following:
			- 1. A “prohibited bidder” includes any person assisting an employee of the State of Illinois by reviewing, drafting, directing, or preparing any invitation for bids, a request for proposal, or request for information, or providing similar assistance unless such assistance was part of a publically issued opportunity to review drafts of all or part of these documents.  For purposes of this section, an employee of the State of Illinois means one who, by the nature of his or her duties, has the authority to participate personally and substantially in the decision to award a State contract.  No person or business shall submit specifications to a State agency unless requested to do so by an employee of the State. No person or business that contracts with a State agency to write specifications for a particular procurement need shall submit a bid or proposal or receive a contract for that procurement need.

Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a vendor from bidding or offering to supply developing technology, goods or services after providing the State with a demonstration of the developing technology, goods, or services; provided the subject of the demonstration to the State represents industry trends and innovation and is not specifically designed to meet the State's needs.  Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a person or business from submitting a bid or offer or entering into a contract if the person or business: (i) initiates a communication with an employee to provide general information about products, services, or industry best practices and, if applicable, that communication is documented in accordance with Section 50-39 of the Illinois Procurement Code or (ii) responds to a communication initiated by an employee of the State for the purposes of providing information to evaluate new products, trends, services, or technologies.

* + - * 1. Other factors that the State may evaluate to determine Responsibility include, but are not limited to: political contributions, certifications, conflict of interest, financial disclosures, taxpayer identification number, past performance in business or industry, references (including those found outside the Offer,) compliance with applicable laws, financial responsibility, insurability, effective equal opportunity compliance, payment of prevailing wages if required by law, capacity to produce or sources of supply, and the ability to provide required maintenance service or other matters relating to the Bidder’s ability to deliver in the quality and quantity within the time and price as specified in this solicitation.
				2. Awarded Bidders must at all times have financial resources sufficient, in the opinion of the State, to ensure performance of the contract and must provide proof upon request. The State may require a performance bond if, in the opinion of the State, it ensures performance of the contract. The State may terminate the contract, consistent with the termination for cause provision of the contract, if the vendor lacks the financial resources to perform under the contract.
				3. The State may require that a Bidder correct any deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.
		1. **PRICE**: The State identifies the **highest** priced Bidder that meets Responsibility and Responsiveness requirements. The State will rank bids from highest to lowest when appropriate.

**-END OF INSTRUCTIONS-**

**SECTION 2. OFFER TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Project Title / Reference #: Trail of Tears State Forest Management Harvest / IPB Reference# 22036097

The undersigned authorized representative of the identified Bidder hereby submits this Offer to the State of Illinois to perform in full compliance with the subject solicitation. By completing and signing this form, Bidder makes an Offer to the State of Illinois that the State may accept.

Bidder should use this Form as a final check to ensure that all required documents are completed and included with the Bid. Bidder must mark each blank below as appropriate; mark N/A when a section is not applicable to this solicitation. Bidder understands that failure to meet all requirements is cause for disqualification.

* 1. **SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT REVIEW**

Bidder has reviewed the Solicitation and Contract, including all referenced documents and instructions, filled in all relevant blanks, and provided any requested information.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. **ADDENDA**

Bidder has taken into account any and all addendums to the solicitation in making this Bid.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A

* 1. **BIDDER CONFERENCE**

If attendance was mandatory, Bidder attended the Bidder Conference.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. **BID SUBMISSION**

Bidder has packaged the Bid in a properly labeled container, addressed to the correct location, included the correct number of copies, and allowed enough time for delivery by the due date and time.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Bidder has provided the following items with the bid:

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No Copy of current Illinois Timber Buyer’s license (per Contract section 1.4)

* 1. **FORMS A or FORMS B:** Bidder is properly submitting either Forms A or Forms B, but not both.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. **SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE**

Bidder is a qualified small business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time Bids are due.

[x]  N/A

* 1. **PACKET 1 – CONTRACT**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

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| B.8.1 | Redacted Copy of Bid | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No[ ]  N/A |

* 1. **PACKET 2 – OFFER**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

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| B.9.1 | Offer | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| B.9.2 | Exceptions to Solicitation Contract Terms and Conditions | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No[ ]  N/A |
| B.9.3 | References | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No[ ]  N/A |

* 1. **PACKET 3 – FORMS A**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

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| B.10.1 | Business and Directory Information | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| B.10.2 | Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| B.10.3 | Standard Certifications | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| B.10.4 | Disclosure of Business Operations in Iran | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| B.10.5 | Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| B.10.6 | Taxpayer Identification Number | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |

* 1. **PACKET 3 – FORMS B**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

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| B.11.1 | Illinois Procurement Gateway Registration # with expiration date | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| B.11.2 | Certifications Timely to this Solicitation | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| B.11.3 | Disclosure of Lobbyists and Contracts | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |

* 1. **CONTRACT SIGNATURE**

Bidder has signed and filled out all Vendor information on the CONTRACT SIGNATURES page.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. **SUBCONTRACTING**

Bidder has indicated if subcontractors will be used and provided all requested information.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. **LOCATION OF PERFORMANCE**

Bidder has provided the location and known or anticipated value of services to be performed.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. **REFERENCES**

Bidder has enclosed references and all pertinent contact information for the references.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. **PRICING**

Bidder has completed the PRICING part of the CONTRACT.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. **EXCEPTIONS**

In preparing the Bid, Bidder has taken (check one box below):

[ ]  No Exceptions

[ ]  Exceptions to the State’s language or requirements; Exceptions must be provided on the State’s form (Section 3, Part C.1) or must be in a substantially similar format. The State discourages taking exceptions. State law shall not be circumvented by the exception process. Exceptions may result in rejection of Bidder’s Bid.

* 1. **REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

Bidder has supplied an additional copy of the Bid with confidential information deleted. In the event the designation of confidentiality of this information is challenged, the undersigned hereby agrees to provide legal counsel or other necessary assistance to defend the designation of confidentiality and agrees to hold the State harmless for any costs or damages arising out of the State agreeing to withhold the materials based on Bidder’s request.

[ ]  No, Bidder is not requesting confidential treatment for this Bid

[ ]  Yes, Bidder is seeking confidential treatment for portions of this Bid

* 1. **PREFERENCES**

The Illinois Procurement Code provides various preferences to promote business opportunities in Illinois.

Does Bidder make any claims for preferences? If so, please mark the applicable preference(s) and include the list of items that qualify for the preference at the end of this section and a description of why the preference applies. The State reserves the right to determine whether the preference indicated applies to Bidder.

[ ]  Resident Bidder (30 ILCS 500/45-10)

[ ]  Recycled Materials (30 ILCS 500/45-20)

[ ]  Recycled Paper (30 ILCS 500/45-25)

[ ]  Environmentally Preferable Supplies (30 ILCS 500/45-26)

[ ]  Illinois Correctional Industries (30 ILCS 500/45-30)

[ ]  Sheltered Workshops for the Severely Handicapped (30 ILCS 500/45-35)

[ ]  Gas Mileage (30 ILCS 500/45-40)

[ ]  Small Businesses (30 ILCS 500/45-45)

[ ]  Illinois Agricultural Products (30 ILCS 500/45-50)

[ ]  Corn-Based Plastics (30 ILCS 500/45-55)

[ ]  Disabled Veterans (30 ILCS 500/45-57)

[ ]  Vehicles Powered by Agricultural Commodity-Based Fuel (30 ILCS 500/45-60)

[ ]  Public Purchases in Other State (30 ILCS 520)

[ ]  Illinois Mined Coal Act (30 ILCS 555)

[ ]  Steel Products Procurement (30 ILCS 565)

[ ]  Veteran’s Preference (330 ILCS 55)

[ ]  Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575)

[ ]  Procurement of Domestic Products (30 ILCS 517)

[ ]  Bio-based Products (30 ILCS 500/45-75)

# Items that Qualify and Explanation:

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Printed Name of Authorized Representative:

Bidder’s Name:

Date:

**SECTION 3.**

1. **EXCEPTIONS TO SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Click here to enter text agrees with the terms and conditions set forth in the State of Illinois Invitation for Bid, including the standard terms and conditions, the Agency/University supplemental provisions, certifications, and disclosures, with the following exceptions:

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|  | Excluding certifications required by statute to be made by the Vendor, both Parties agree that all of the duties and obligations that the Vendor owes to the Agency/University for the work performed shall be pursuant to the solicitation and resulting contract, and Vendor’s exceptions accepted by the State thereto as set forth below. |
|  | **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS** |
| **Section/ Subsection #** | State the exception such as “add,” “replace,” and/or “delete.” |
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|  | **ADDITIONAL VENDOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS** |
| **New Provision(s), # et. seq.** | **Section/Subsection New Number, Title of New Subsection**: State the new additional term or condition. |
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Illinois Department of Natural Resources hereby agrees to the exceptions provided by Click here to enter text and to the Additional Terms and Conditions provided by Click here to enter text.

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| Agreed: Click here to enter text | Agreed: Illinois Department of Natural Resources |
| By: Click here to enter text | By: Wayne A. Rosenthal |
| Signed:  | Signed:  |
| Position: Click here to enter text | Position: Director |
| Date: Click here to enter a date. | Date:  |

1. **REFERENCES**

Provide references from a minimum of two (2) landowners where Bidder purchased and has logged standing timber within the last twelve (12) months.

1. Firm/Government Agency/University (name):

Contact Person (name, address, phone, and email address):

Date of Supplies/Services Provided:

Type of Supplies/Services Provided:

1. Firm/Government Agency/University (name):

Contact Person (name, address, and phone):

Date of Supplies/Services Provided:

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1. Firm/Government Agency/University (name):

Contact Person (name, address, and phone):

Date of Supplies/Services Provided:

Type of Supplies/Services Provided:

Vendor Name:

Return Mailing Address:

The Parties to this contract are the State of Illinois acting through the undersigned Agency (collectively the State) and the Vendor. This contract, consisting of the signature page and numbered sections listed below and any attachments referenced in this contract, constitute the entire contract between the Parties concerning the subject matter of the contract, and in signing the contract, the Contractor affirms that the Certifications and Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest attached hereto are true and accurate as of the date of the Contractor’s execution of the contract. This contract supersedes all prior proposals, contracts and understandings between the Parties concerning the subject matter of the contract. This contract can be signed in multiple counterparts upon agreement of the Parties.

Contract uses Illinois Procurement Gateway Certifications and Disclosures?

[ ]  Yes (IPG Certifications and Disclosures including FORMS B)

[ ]  No

1. **DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES**
2. **PRICING**
3. **TERM AND TERMINATION**
4. **STANDARD BUSINESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
5. **STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS**
6. **STANDARD CERTIFICATIONS**
7. **FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
8. **CONTRACT SPECIFIC CERTIFICATIONS AND DISCLOSURES – “FORMS B” (IF APPLICABLE)**

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this contract, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein and have caused this contract to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates shown on the following CONTRACT SIGNATURES page.

**VENDOR**

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| Vendor Name:  | Address:  |
| Signature: | Phone:  |
| Printed Name:  | Fax:  |
| Title:  | Email:  |
| Date: | Illinois Timber Buyer’s License #: |

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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| Procuring Agency: Illinois Department of Natural Resources | Phone: 618-949-3729 (David Allen) |
| Street Address: One Natural Resources Way | Fax:  |
| City, State ZIP: Springfield, IL 62702 |  |
| Official Signature:  | Date: |
| Printed Name: Wayne A. Rosenthal |  |
| Official’s Title: Director |  |

**AGENCY/UNIVERSITY USE ONLY** **NOT PART OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS**

Agency or University Reference # 14-87268 Project Title: Trail of Tears State Forest Management Harvest

Contract # 2015TTSFH Procurement Method (IFB, RFP, Small, etc): IFB

IPB Ref. # 22036097 IPB Publication Date: 05/27/2015 Award Code: A

Subcontractor Utilization? [ ]  Yes [ ] No Subcontractor Disclosure? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Funding Source: N/A Obligation # N/A

Small Business Set-Aside? [ ]  Yes [x]  No

Minority Owned Business? [ ]  Yes [x]  No Percentage

Female-Owned Business? [ ]  Yes [x]  No Percentage

Persons With Disabilities Owned Business? [ ]  Yes [x]  No Percentage

Other Preferences?

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1. **DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES**
	1. **GOAL:** To utilize the knowledge and expertise of the Vendor to commercially harvest approximately 142 acres of mature oak-hickory forest at Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) seeks to restore, enhance and maintain forest habitat of high quality with a primary focus on regeneration of oak species and restoration of communities that support wildlife species in greatest need of conservation. The management harvest will improve forest health and resilience by reducing tree densities to levels that will maintain oak dominance and encourage the development of oak seedlings and saplings.
	2. **SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED:** Currently, the area planned for harvest contains mature oak, hickory, tulip poplar, and other species. Compartment stocking level is approximately 104 square feet of basal area [BA] per acre. The total number of trees to be removed in the harvest unit is 1,066 with an estimated volume of 292,177 board feet (Doyle). The average basal area to be removed is 20 square feet of basal area [BA] per acre.

1.2.1 Protection and Restoration of Property/Resources

 1.2.1.1 Vendor shall take precautions to protect any and all structures (buildings, toilets, shelters, etc.), fixtures (water hydrants, camper posts, signage, etc.) and other amenities from damage due to its tree cutting and removal operation. If any damages are incurred from the Vendor's operations to any properties outside of the project limits as shown on the maps provided, the Vendor shall be responsible for all repairs required to restore the damaged areas to their original condition regardless of the property involved.

 1.2.1.2 Vendor shall maintain all established roads, trails, and firebreaks within the State Forest Area in the same condition they were at the start of the tree harvest operation. Vendor shall not block public roads.

 1.2.1.3 Vendor shall notify the Department of large nests found after January 1 in trees designated for removal that could potentially be used by bald eagles, herons, red-tailed hawks, great horned owls, barn owls, barred owls or other large nesting birds. The Department shall confirm that the identified nest is not active before the tree is cut.

 1.2.1.4 Vendor shall not harm, harass or kill wildlife, including the state threatened timber rattlesnake.

 1.2.1.5 Work shall cease operations at the close of business March 31 and shall resume October 1 of each year to avoid impacts to the federally endangered Indiana bat that may be roosting in the area during this time.

 1.2.1.6 Vendor shall temporarily suspend operations upon notice from the Department due to wet conditions, excessive property damage, or other reasons determined by the Department which may adversely impact the project area’s resources.

 1.2.1.7 Vendor shall follow only skid trails and roads that are marked and agreed upon by the Department. Said roads will not be allowed in bottomlands, stream corridors or riparian areas without specific approval of the IDNR Forester.

 1.2.1.8 If any fire starts as a result of the operation, the Vendor shall immediately cease all logging operations and, at the Vendor’s expense, take necessary actions to suppress such fires.

 1.2.1.9 The project area designated herein shall be open at all times for inspection by the Department and shall be posted as closed to all other public uses during the term of the contract except as noted in section 1.2.1.12.

 1.2.1.10 Any deviations from the limits of the maps or requirements specified herein shall only be allowed with written approval of the Department.

 1.2.1.11 Vendor shall clean all equipment prior to being brought on site. Cleaning shall include washing with a pressure-washer to ensure that all equipment is free from potentially invasive plants and seeds. The equipment shall be inspected by the Department of Natural Resources prior to being taken into the harvest area.

 1.2.1.12 Vendor shall suspend harvest operations during the First Firearm Deer Season (Friday through Sunday immediately before Thanksgiving) and Second Firearm Deer Season (Thursday through Sunday following Thanksgiving) of each year.

 1.2.1.13 The road known as “North Forest Road” shall be open to the public until December 24 and shall re-open at the end of spring turkey hunting season. This road shall remain passable at all times during harvest operations, even when the gate is closed.

 1.2.1.14 Vendor shall employ use of cable and winch equipped log skidders to remove and move logs within the harvest area to landing or loading areas. Said equipment shall have the ability to pull logs up slopes while parked or operating from above.

 1.2.1.15 Vendor shall employ use of, or retain and have available, a bulldozer for installing water control bars, rolling dips, out-sloping or similar “Best Management Practices” on haul paths, logging access roads, and existing roads affected by skidders and log removal operations.

1.2.2 Additional Requirements:

 1.2.2.1 Where possible, Vendor shall keep skid trail grades less than 15%. When steep grades are unavoidable, Vendor shall break the grade and install drainage structures.

 1.2.2.2 Vendor shall winch logs from steep slopes in areas where conventional skidding could cause erosion.

 1.2.2.3 While skidding logs, the lead end of the logs shall be elevated to minimize gouging of the skid trail.

 1.2.2.4 Vendor shall locate landings outside streamside management zones and only as approved by the IDNR Forester.

 1.2.2.5 Vendor shall comply with all recommended BMP guidelines as described in “Illinois Forestry Best Management Practices.” <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/forestry/timber_harvest/il_forestry-bmps_2007.pdf>

 1.2.2.6 Vendor shall scatter all logging debris that is accumulated at landing areas, including bark, tops and slash.

 1.2.2.7 Vendor shall install water-bars and broad-based dips according to the “Illinois Forestry Best Management Practices” guide and to the satisfaction of the Department.

 1.2.2.8 Roads and landings shall be graded, seeded and mulched with a seed mixture and rate approved by the Department. Vendor shall install sediment-control and drainage structures on skid trails and landings where needed according to guidelines as described in “Illinois Forestry Best Management Practices.”

 1.2.2.9 Trees shall not be left hanging in other trees.

 1.2.2.10 Stump heights shall not exceed twelve (12) inches above the ground level. The maximum log length allowed for skidding is 26 feet.

 1.2.2.11 All litter, trash, and refuse shall be promptly removed from the logging operation and properly disposed of at the end of each working day.

 1.2.2.12 Only supplies necessary to the operation shall be stored on site and shall be neat and safely sealed or packaged to prevent spillage or hazard to persons or the natural resources of the site.

1.2.3 Special IDNR Provisions:

 1.2.3.1 Work shall not begin until October 1, 2015.

 1.2.3.2 Any work performed on State premises shall be completed during the hours designated by the State and performed in a manner that does not interfere with the State and its personnel.

 1.2.3.3 The Department shall not enter into any concurrent contract involving tree products in the sale area during the period covered in this contract without the written consent of the Vendor.

 1.2.3.4 The Department reserves the right to inspect the operation at any time to determine whether the provisions of the contract are being carried out.

 1.2.3.5 The Department reserves the right to authorize the commencement or cessation of harvest operations based upon the Department’s determination as to suitability of soil conditions or other factors which may adversely impact the project area’s resources.

 1.2.3.6 The Department does not make any warranties or other representation regarding the quantity, quality, or value of the tree products covered by this contract.

 1.2.3.7 Unless otherwise specified, all trees marked by IDNR staff foresters with orange or blue paint on tree boles and basal stumps are included in this harvest.

 1.2.3.8 The Department is the sole owner of the property and has the authority to sell the trees as described herein.

 1.2.3.9 The Department’s representative will be an IDNR Forester.

 Project Manager: David Allen

 IDNR Forest Resources

 945 State Highway 146 W

 Golconda, IL 62938

 E-mail: David.H.Allen@Illinois.gov

 Phone: 618-949-3729

* 1. **MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES:** Payments must be in the form of a bank draft, cashier’s check, certified check, or money order, payable to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Payments shall be deposited into the Forestry Development Fund (905).

 1.3.1 Lump Sum Payment and Performance Deposit:

 1.3.1.1 Vendor shall submit 20% of the lump sum payment plus a 10% performance deposit at the time of contract execution. The balance of the lump sum payment shall be submitted prior to September 30, 2015.

 1.3.2 Undesignated Trees Cut and Damaged:

1.3.2.1 Payments as outlined below shall be paid as they occur within five (5) business days of notice from Department and prior to an imposed contract termination.

 1.3.2.2 Vendor shall pay the Department for undesignated merchantable trees cut at the rate of triple the average price paid per tree, based on the bid price, plus $1,000 per tree. These trees remain property of the Department and shall not be removed.

 1.3.2.3 Vendor shall pay the Department for excessive tree damage of undesignated merchantable trees unnecessarily damaged at the rate of $200 per occurrence. Excessive tree damage to an individual tree is defined as one or more of the following:

* Broken branches: greater than 20% of the tree canopy
* Bark abrasions on the bole that results in removal or loosening of the outer bark of the tree exposing the inner bark or cambium greater than 100 square inches in surface area.
* Root damage: more than 20% of the root area is exposed or severed within the drip line of tree’s crown.

 1.3.2.4 Vendor shall not cut, fell or remove aforementioned excessively damaged trees.

* 1. **VENDOR / STAFF SPECIFICATIONS:**

1.4.1 Vendor shall provide all equipment, materials, and personnel to successfully complete all phases of project as described in this contract.

1.4.2 Vendor shall possess a current Illinois Timber Buyer’s license.

1.4.3 It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to be aware of and adhere to all State and OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) regulations.

1.4.4 Vendor shall coordinate with the Department to establish the location, construction and use of log yarding areas to facilitate the access and removal of trees.

1.4.5 Vendor is responsible for contacting appropriate local or County roadway officials regarding load limits, seasonal restrictions, and utilization of the local and County road system during the harvest operation.

1.4.6 The risk of loss or damage to the designated trees within the project area herein purchased, from all causes whatsoever, shall be borne by the Vendor.

1.4.7 Vendor shall notify the Department when tree harvesting will commence. In addition, the Vendor shall supply fifteen (15) days in advance, written notice stating the date all cultural/harvesting operations on the sale area will be concluded. As of this date, or by the end of the sale agreement period, all equipment shall be removed and all provisions of this contract met.

1.4.8 Marked trees shall be used as bumper trees when possible as well as undesirable non-merchantable trees. It is understood that some damage may occur to these bumper trees through the harvesting process.

1.4.9 Vendor shall immediately notify the State of any event that may have a material impact on Vendor’s ability to perform the contract.

1.4.10 Any subcontractor hired by the Vendor is expected to perform work pursuant to the specifications outlined in this contract. Notification of subcontractor shall occur per Section 1.6 below.

* 1. **TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY:** Not applicable to this contract.
	2. **SUBCONTRACTING**

Subcontractors are allowed.

* + 1. Will subcontractors be utilized? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

A subcontractor is a person or entity that enters into a contractual agreement with a total value of $50,000 or more with a person or entity who has a contract subject to the Illinois Procurement Code pursuant to which the person or entity provides some or all of the goods, services, real property, remuneration, or other monetary forms of consideration that are the subject of the primary State contract, including subleases from a lessee of a State contract.

All contracts with subcontractors must include Standard Certifications completed and signed by the subcontractor.

* + 1. Please identify below subcontracts with an annual value of $50,000 or more that will be utilized in the performance of the contract, the names and addresses of the subcontractors, and a description of the work to be performed by each.
* Subcontractor Name:

Amount to Be Paid:

Address:

Description of Work:

* Subcontractor Name:

Amount to Be Paid:

Address:

Description of Work:

 **If additional space is necessary to provide subcontractor information, please attach an additional page.**

* + 1. For the subcontractors identified above, the Vendor must provide each subcontractor’s Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest to the State.
		2. If the subcontractor is registered in the Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG) and the Vendor is using the subcontractor’s Standard Certifications or Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest from the IPG, then the Vendor must also provide to the State a completed Forms B for the subcontractor.
		3. If at any time during the term of the Contract, Vendor adds or changes any subcontractors, Vendor is required to promptly notify, in writing, the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer of the names and addresses and the expected amount of money that each new or replaced subcontractor will receive pursuant to this Contract. Any subcontracts entered into prior to award of this Contract are done at the sole risk of the Vendor and subcontractor(s).
	1. **WHERE SERVICES ARE TO BE PERFORMED:** Unless otherwise disclosed in this section all services shall be performed in the United States. If the Vendor performs the services purchased hereunder in another country in violation of this provision, such action may be deemed by the State as a breach of the contract by Vendor.

Vendor shall disclose the locations where the services required shall be performed and the known or anticipated value of the services to be performed at each location. If the Vendor received additional consideration in the evaluation based on work being performed in the United States, it shall be a breach of contract if the Vendor shifts any such work outside the United States.

* Location where services will be performed: Trail of Tears State Forest, Union County

Value of services performed at this location: 100%

1. **PRICING**
	1. **FORMAT OF PRICING:**
		1. Vendor shall submit pricing in the format shown below, based on the terms and conditions set forth in section 1 of this Contract.
		2. Vendor’s total price for the 1,066 designated trees to be removed (see Attachment E Volume Table):

 Lump sum price: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 10% performance deposit: $­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. **TYPE OF PRICING:** The Illinois Office of the Comptroller requires the State to indicate whether the contract value is firm or estimated at the time it is submitted for obligation. The total value of this contract is **firm**.
	2. **EXPENSES ALLOWED:** Expenses **are not** allowed.

 **2.4 PAYMENT TERMS:** Payments must be in the form of a bank draft, cashier’s check, certified check, or money order, payable to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Payments shall be deposited into the Forestry Development Fund (905).

 2.4.1 Lump Sum Payment and Performance Deposit:

2.4.1.1 Vendor shall submit 20% of the lump sum payment plus a 10% performance deposit at the time of contract execution. The balance of the lump sum payment shall be submitted prior to September 30, 2015.

 2.4.2 Undesignated Trees Cut and Damaged:

 2.4.2.1 Payments as outlined below shall be paid as they occur within five (5) business days of notice from Department and prior to contract termination.

2.4.2.2 Vendor shall pay the Department for undesignated merchantable trees cut at the rate of triple the average price paid per tree, based on the bid price, plus $1,000 per tree. These trees remain property of the Department and shall not be removed.

2.4.2.3 Vendor shall pay the Department for excessive tree damage of undesignated merchantable trees unnecessarily damaged at the rate of $200 per occurrence. Excessive tree damage to an individual tree is defined as one or more of the following:

* Broken branches: greater than 20% of the tree canopy
* Bark abrasions on the bole that results in removal or loosening of the outer bark of the tree exposing the inner bark or cambium greater than 100 square inches in surface area.
* Root damage: more than 20% of the root area is exposed or severed within the drip line of tree’s crown.

 2.4.2.4 Vendor shall not cut, fell or remove aforementioned excessively damaged trees.

1. **TERM AND TERMINATION**
	1. **TERM OF THIS CONTRACT:** This contract shall commence **upon the last dated signature of the Parties** and shall terminate **June 30, 2017***.*
		1. In no event will the total term of the contract, including the initial term, any renewal terms and any extensions, exceed ten (10) years.
		2. Vendor shall not commence billable work in furtherance of the contract prior to final execution of the contract except when permitted pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/20-80.
	2. **RENEWAL:** This contract may not be renewed.
	3. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** The State may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to the Vendor if: (a) the State determines that the actions or inactions of the Vendor, its agents, employees or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, jeopardy to health, safety, or property, or (b) the Vendor has notified the State that it is unable or unwilling to perform the contract.

If Vendor fails to perform to the State’s satisfaction any material requirement of this contract, is in violation of a material provision of this contract, or the State determines that the Vendor lacks the financial resources to perform the contract, the State shall provide written notice to the Vendor to cure the problem identified within the period of time specified in the State’s written notice. If not cured by that date the State may either: (a) immediately terminate the contract without additional written notice or (b) enforce the terms and conditions of the contract.

For termination due to any of the causes contained in this Section, the State retains its rights to seek any available legal or equitable remedies and damages.

* 1. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The State may, for its convenience and with thirty (30) days prior written notice to Vendor, terminate this contract in whole or in part and without payment of any penalty or incurring any further obligation to the Vendor.

Upon submission of invoices and proof of claim, the Vendor shall be entitled to compensation for supplies and services provided in compliance with this contract up to and including the date of termination.

1. **STANDARD BUSINESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
	1. **PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**
		1. Expenses: The State will not pay for supplies provided or services rendered, including related expenses, incurred prior to the execution of this contract by the Parties even if the effective date of the contract is prior to execution.
		2. Prevailing Wage: As a condition of receiving payment Vendor must (i) be in compliance with the contract, (ii) pay its employees prevailing wages when required by law, (iii) pay its suppliers and subcontractors according to the terms of their respective contracts, and (iv) provide lien waivers to the State upon request. Examples of prevailing wage categories include public works, printing, janitorial, window washing, building and grounds services, site technician services, natural resource services, security guard and food services. The prevailing wages are revised by the Illinois Department of Labor (DOL) and are available on DOL’s official website, which shall be deemed proper notification of any rate changes under this subsection. Vendor is responsible for contacting DOL at 217-782-6206 or (<http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/index.htm>) to ensure understanding of prevailing wage requirements.
		3. Payment: See Section 2.4

Send payments to:

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| Agency/University: | IDNR Division of Forest Resources  |
| Attn: | Paul Deizman |
| Address: | One Natural Resources Way |
| City, State Zip | Springfield, IL 62702 |

* 1. **ASSIGNMENT**: This contract may not be assigned or transferred in whole or in part by Vendor without the prior written consent of the State.
	2. **SUBCONTRACTING:** For purposes of this section, subcontractors are those specifically hired to perform all or part of the work covered by this contract. Vendor must receive prior written approval before use of any subcontractors in the performance of this contract. Vendor shall describe, in an attachment if not already provided, the names and addresses of all authorized subcontractors to be utilized by Vendor in the performance of this contract, together with a description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor and the anticipated amount of money that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to this contract. If required, Vendor shall provide a copy of any subcontracts within fifteen (15) days after execution of this contract. All subcontracts must include the same certifications that Vendor must make as a condition of this contract. Vendor shall include in each subcontract the subcontractor certifications as shown on the Standard Certification form available from the State. If at any time during the term of the Contract, Vendor adds or changes any subcontractors, then Vendor must promptly notify, by written amendment to the Contract, the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer of the names and addresses and the expected amount of money that each new or replaced subcontractor will receive pursuant to the Contract.
	3. **AUDIT/RETENTION OF RECORDS:** Vendor and its subcontractors shall maintain books and records relating to the performance of this contract and any subcontract necessary to support amounts charged to the State pursuant this contract or subcontract. Books and records, including information stored in databases or other computer systems, shall be maintained by the Vendor for a period of three (3) years from the later of the date of final payment under the contract or completion of the contract, and by the subcontractor for a period of three (3) years from the later of final payment under the term or completion of the subcontract. If Federal funds are used to pay contract costs, the Vendor and its subcontractors must retain their respective records for five (5) years. Books and records required to be maintained under this section shall be available for review or audit by representatives of: the procuring Agency/University, the Auditor General, the Executive Inspector General, the Chief Procurement Officer, State of Illinois internal auditors or other governmental entities with monitoring authority, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours. Vendor and its subcontractors shall cooperate fully with any such audit and with any investigation conducted by any of these entities. Failure to maintain books and records required by this section shall establish a presumption in favor of the State for the recovery of any funds paid by the State under this contract or any subcontract for which adequate books and records are not available to support the purported disbursement. The Vendor or subcontractors shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Vendor’s or subcontractor’s books and records. 30 ILCS 500/20-65.
	4. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence with respect to Vendor’s performance of this contract. Vendor shall continue to perform its obligations while any dispute concerning this contract is being resolved unless otherwise directed by the State.
	5. **NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS:** Except as specifically waived in writing, failure by a Party to exercise or enforce a right does not waive that Party’s right to exercise or enforce that or other rights in the future.
	6. **FORCE MAJEURE:** Failure by either Party to perform its duties and obligations will be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control and not due to its negligence, including acts of nature, acts of terrorism, riots, labor disputes, fire, flood, explosion, and governmental prohibition. The non-declaring Party may cancel this contract without penalty if performance does not resume within thirty (30) days of the declaration.
	7. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** Each Party to this contract, including its agents and subcontractors, may have or gain access to confidential data or information owned or maintained by the other Party in the course of carrying out its responsibilities under this contract. Vendor shall presume all information received from the State or to which it gains access pursuant to this contract is confidential. Vendor information, unless clearly marked as confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, shall be considered public. No confidential data collected, maintained, or used in the course of performance of this contract shall be disseminated except as authorized by law and with the written consent of the disclosing Party, either during the period of this contract or thereafter. The receiving Party must return any and all data collected, maintained, created or used in the course of the performance of this contract, in whatever form it is maintained, promptly at the end of this contract, or earlier at the request of the disclosing Party, or notify the disclosing Party in writing of its destruction. The foregoing obligations shall not apply to confidential data or information lawfully in the receiving Party’s possession prior to its acquisition from the disclosing Party; received in good faith from a third Party not subject to any confidentiality obligation to the disclosing Party; now is or later becomes publicly known through no breach of confidentiality obligation by the receiving Party; or that is independently developed by the receiving Party without the use or benefit of the disclosing Party’s confidential information.
	8. **USE AND OWNERSHIP:** All work performed or supplies created by Vendor under this contract, whether written documents or data, goods or deliverables of any kind, shall be deemed work for hire under copyright law and all intellectual property and other laws, and the State of Illinois is granted sole and exclusive ownership to all such work, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Vendor hereby assigns to the State all right, title, and interest in and to such work including any related intellectual property rights, and/or waives any and all claims that Vendor may have to such work including any so-called "moral rights" in connection with the work. Vendor acknowledges the State may use the work product for any purpose. Confidential data or information contained in such work shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of this contract.
	9. **INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY:** The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Illinois, its agencies, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all costs, demands, expenses, losses, claims, damages, liabilities, settlements and judgments, including in-house and contracted attorneys’ fees and expenses, arising out of: (a) any breach or violation by Vendor of any of its certifications, representations, warranties, covenants or agreements; (b) any actual or alleged death or injury to any person, damage to any real or personal property, or any other damage or loss claimed to result in whole or in part from Vendor’s negligent performance; (c) any act, activity or omission of Vendor or any of its employees, representatives, subcontractors or agents; or (d) any actual or alleged claim that the services or goods provided under this contract infringe, misappropriate, or otherwise violate any intellectual property (patent, copyright, trade secret, or trademark) rights of a third party. Neither Party shall be liable for incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages.
	10. **INSURANCE:** Vendor shall, at all times during the term of this contract and any renewals or extensions, maintain and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the State as an additionally insured for all required bonds and insurance. Certificates may not be modified or canceled until at least thirty (30) days’ notice has been provided to the State. Vendor shall provide: (a) General Commercial Liability insurance in the amount of $1,000,000 per occurrence (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and $2,000,000 Annual Aggregate; (b) Auto Liability, including Hired Auto and Non-owned Auto (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage), in amount of $1,000,000 per occurrence; and (c) Worker’s Compensation Insurance in the amount required by law. Insurance shall not limit Vendor’s obligation to indemnify, defend, or settle any claims.
	11. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Vendor shall act as an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of, or joint venturer with the State. All payments by the State shall be made on that basis.
	12. **SOLICITATION AND EMPLOYMENT:** Vendor shall not employ any person employed by the State during the term of this contract to perform any work under this contract. Vendor shall give notice immediately to the Agency’s director if Vendor solicits or intends to solicit State employees to perform any work under this contract.
	13. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW:** The Vendor, its employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, orders, Federal circulars and all license and permit requirements in the performance of this contract. Vendor shall be in compliance with applicable tax requirements and shall be current in payment of such taxes. Vendor shall obtain at its own expense, all licenses and permissions necessary for the performance of this contract.
	14. **BACKGROUND CHECK:** Whenever the State deems it reasonably necessary for security reasons, the State may conduct, at its expense, criminal and driver history background checks of Vendor’s and subcontractors officers, employees or agents. Vendor or subcontractor shall immediately reassign any individual who, in the opinion of the State, does not pass the background check.
	15. **APPLICABLE LAW:**
		1. **PREVAILING LAW:** This contract shall be construed in accordance with and is subject to the laws and rules of the State of Illinois.
		2. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** The Department of Human Rights’ Equal Opportunity requirements are incorporated by reference. 44 Ill. Adm. Code 750.
		3. **COURT OF CLAIMS; ARBITRATION; SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY:** Any claim against the State arising out of this contract must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims. 705 ILCS 505/1. The State shall not enter into binding arbitration to resolve any dispute arising out of this contract. The State of Illinois does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this contract.
		4. **OFFICIAL TEXT:** The official text of the statutes cited herein is incorporated by reference. An unofficial version can be viewed at ([www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp)).
	16. **ANTI-TRUST ASSIGNMENT:** If Vendor does not pursue any claim or cause of action it has arising under Federal or State antitrust laws relating to the subject matter of this contract, then upon request of the Illinois Attorney General, Vendor shall assign to the State all of Vendor’s rights, title and interest to the claim or cause of action.
	17. **CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY:** The Agency that signs this contract on behalf of the State of Illinois shall be the only State entity responsible for performance and payment under this contract. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee or State Purchasing Officer signs in addition to an Agency, he/she does so as approving officer and shall have no liability to Vendor. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee or State Purchasing Officer signs a master contract on behalf of State agencies, only the Agency that places an order or orders with the Vendor shall have any liability to the Vendor for that order or orders.
	18. **NOTICES:** Notices and other communications provided for herein shall be given in writing via electronic mail whenever possible. If transmission via electronic mail is not possible, then notices and other communications shall be given in writing via registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, via receipted hand delivery, via courier (UPS, Federal Express or other similar and reliable carrier), or via facsimile showing the date and time of successful receipt. Notices shall be sent to the individuals who signed this contract using the contact information following the signatures. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided at the time it is actually received. By giving notice, either Party may change its contact information.
	19. **MODIFICATIONS AND SURVIVAL:** Amendments, modifications and waivers must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties. Any provision of this contract officially declared void, unenforceable, or against public policy, shall be ignored and the remaining provisions shall be interpreted, as far as possible, to give effect to the Parties’ intent. All provisions that by their nature would be expected to survive, shall survive termination. In the event of a conflict between the State’s and the Vendor’s terms, conditions and attachments, the State’s terms, conditions and attachments shall prevail.
	20. **PERFORMANCE RECORD / SUSPENSION:** Upon request of the State, Vendor shall meet to discuss performance or provide contract performance updates to help ensure proper performance of this contract. The State may consider Vendor’s performance under this contract and compliance with law and rule to determine whether to continue this contract, suspend Vendor from doing future business with the State for a specified period of time, or whether Vendor can be considered responsible on specific future contract opportunities.
	21. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** This contract and all related public records maintained by, provided to, or required to be provided to the State are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be found in this contract. 5 ILCS 140.
	22. **SCHEDULE OF WORK:** Any work performed on State premises shall be performed during the hours designated by the State and performed in a manner that does not interfere with the State and its personnel.
	23. **WARRANTIES FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES:**
		1. Vendor warrants that the supplies furnished under this contract will: (a) conform to the standards, specifications, drawing, samples or descriptions furnished by the State or furnished by the Vendor and agreed to by the State, including but not limited to all specifications attached as exhibits hereto; (b) be merchantable, of good quality and workmanship, and free from defects for a period of twelve months or longer if so specified in writing, and fit and sufficient for the intended use; (c) comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the manufacturing, packing, labeling, sale and delivery of the supplies; (d) be of good title and be free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and; (e) not infringe any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights of any third party. Vendor agrees to reimburse the State for any losses, costs, damages or expenses, including without limitations, reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses, arising from failure of the supplies to meet such warranties.
		2. Vendor shall ensure that all manufacturers’ warranties are transferred to the State and shall provide to the State copies of such warranties. These warranties shall be in addition to all other warranties, express, implied or statutory, and shall survive the State’s payment, acceptance, inspection or failure to inspect the supplies.
		3. Vendor warrants that all services will be performed to meet the requirements of this contract in an efficient and effective manner by trained and competent personnel. Vendor shall monitor performances of each individual and shall immediately reassign any individual who does not perform in accordance with this contract, who is disruptive or not respectful of others in the workplace, or who in any way violates the contract or State policies.
	24. **REPORTING, STATUS AND MONITORING SPECIFICATIONS:** Vendor shall immediately notify the State of any event that may have a material impact on Vendor’s ability to perform this contract.
	25. **EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT:** Vendors who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. 35 ILCS 5/216, 5/217. Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue (telephone #: 217-524-4772) for information about tax credits.

1. **STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS**

[ ]  Agency/University Definitions

[ ]  Required Federal Clauses, Certifications and Assurances

[ ]  Public Works Requirements (construction and maintenance of a public work) 820 ILCS 130/4.

[ ]  Prevailing Wage (janitorial cleaning, window cleaning, building and grounds, site technician, natural resources, food services, security services, and printing, if valued at more than $200 per month or $2,000 per year) 30 ILCS 500/25-60.

[ ]  Agency/University Specific Terms and Conditions

[x]  Other (describe)

Attachment A - Road and Trail Site Location Map

Attachment B - Topographic Map – Management Harvest Area

Attachment C - Topographic Map – Overview Map

Attachment D - Aerial Photo Designating Trail of Tears State Forest Harvest Area

Attachment E – Management Harvest Area Volume Table

Attachment F – BMP Guidelines “Illinois Forestry Best Management Practices” <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/forestry/timber_harvest/il_forestry-bmps_2007.pdf>

 **Attachment E**

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| Trail of Tears Management Harvest Area Volume Table |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Volume |  |  | Volume | Basal Area |
| Species | # of Trees | Board Feet | Bd Ft/Tree | Trees/Ac | Bd Ft/Ac | Sq Ft/Ac |
| Black oak | 297 |  92,511  |  311  | 2.1 |  651  | 6.3 |
| Northern red oak | 42 |  14,002  |  333  | 0.3 |  99  | 0.9 |
| Scarlet oak | 19 |  4,142  |  218  | 0.1 |  29  | 0.3 |
| White oak | 229 |  58,432  |  255  | 1.6 |  411  | 4.3 |
| Post oak | 5 |  1,054  |  211  | 0.0 |  7  | 0.1 |
| Hickory | 94 |  18,038  |  192  | 0.7 |  127  | 1.4 |
| Sugar maple | 63 |  5,760  |  91  | 0.4 |  41  | 0.7 |
| American beech | 16 |  2,626  |  164  | 0.1 | 18.5 | 0.2 |
| Yellow poplar | 163 |  68,007  |  417  | 1.1 |  479  | 3.5 |
| Sweet gum | 64 |  16,221  |  253  | 0.5 |  114  | 1.1 |
| Ash | 66 |  9,744  |  148  | 0.5 |  69  | 0.8 |
| Miscellaneous \* | 8 |  1,640  |  205  | 0.1 |  12  | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  1,066  | 292,177 |  274  | 7.5 |  2,058  | 19.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \*Miscellaneous includes honeylocust, elm, black gum, walnut, cherry and sycamore. |