

October 1, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission is requesting bids for the sale of timber at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, Illinois City, IL; Illiniwek Forest Preserve, Hampton, IL; and Dorrance Forest Preserve, Port Byron, IL.

The sale of marked timber will be on a cut and yield basis with the seller being paid a percentage of the sale price of the logs harvested. Enclosed is a sample of the TIMBER SALE AGREEMENT (for your information).

The SEALED BIDS marked "2013/2014 TIMBER HARVEST- Bid ID# 2013-0005" must be received no later than Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 2:30 PM in the Forest Preserve Office, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter.

SITE CONTACT: Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Forest Preserve Ranger at (309) 795-1040 or cell phone (309) 373-8156 and Mike Petersen, Illiniwek & Dorrance Forest Preserve Ranger at (309) 496-2620 or cell phone (309) 429-1362 to make arrangements to inspect the timber and to answer questions related to this request.

The Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities in a bid, or to accept that bid which, in the judgment of proper officials, is to be in the best interest of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Ballard
President
Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
BID PROPOSAL
2013/2014 TIMBER HARVEST
Bid ID# 2013-0005**

Bid Opening-Forest Preserve Office Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Forest Preserve Committee Thursday, November 14, 2013
(Review and recommendation for approval to the Commission)

Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission Tuesday, November 19, 2013
(Final approval and award bid)

The undersigned, having read the **CONDITIONS OF THE SALE** in the **TIMBER SALE AGREEMENT** agrees to complete this project as specified at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, Illiniwek Forest Preserve and Dorrance Forest Preserve with regard to the following terms:

I, _____, Illinois TIMBER BUYER LICENSE NUMBER _____, agree to harvest purchase fro Rock Island County Forest Preserve District. The designated trees in the District will be on a cut and yield basis and will pay the Forest Preserve District _____ percent of the sale price of the logs harvested.

DATE: _____

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BID REPRESENTATIVE: _____ TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX #: _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

COMMENTS:

TIMBER SALE AGREEMENT

I, _____, Illinois Timber Buyer License Number

_____, hereinafter called the purchaser, agree to purchase from the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island, Illinois, hereinafter called the seller, the designated trees from the area described as follows:

The area is located in Rock Island County, Buffalo Prairie Township (T17N; R4W), Sections 26, 27, 28, 33, 34 & 35; (T16N; R4W) Section 3.

The area is located in Rock Island County, Port Byron Township (T19N; R1E), Sections 24 & 25.

The area is located in Rock Island County, Hampton Township (T18N; R1E), Section 8.

Trees have been designated for cutting with orange paint marks both on the stump at ground line, and on the bole at shoulder height.

CONDITIONS OF THE SALE:

1. The Purchaser agrees to harvest the marked timber and pay the Seller _____ percent of the sale price of the logs harvested. The 4% Harvest fee, payable to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IL DNR), will be deducted from the Seller's percentage of the split and shall be forwarded to the IL DNR by the Purchaser. The Purchaser agrees to provide the Seller with proof of the purchase price of the timber sold.
2. Restrictions to cutting- It is the intent of the Seller to have this timber harvest occur in the winter months, during frozen ground conditions, to help minimize the impact on the forest. Winter is also a time of low recreational activity at the forest preserves. The Purchaser agrees to this restriction and will consult with the Park Ranger on timing his cutting operations.
3. The Purchaser agrees to repair damage caused by logging to ditches, fences, bridges, roads, trails or buildings. All roads, streams and fields shall be left clear and free from logs and treetops. All tree tops from felled trees shall be broken down to within four (4) feet of the ground.
4. Purchaser hereby agrees to provide Proof of Insurance to the Seller and further agrees that any and all liability for injury or damage suffered or sustained by any person or to anyone's property caused in any way arising out the Purchaser's performance of this contract shall be a risk assumed and borne by the Purchaser. The Purchaser agrees to name the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District as an additional insured. The Purchaser hereby further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the sellers from any such liability.
5. The Seller agrees to guarantee title to the designated timber covered by this agreement and to defend it against all claims at his/her expense.

6. The Seller agrees to allow ingress and egress at all reasonable times unless specified in writing that restriction exist due to weather, road conditions or crops.
7. The Purchaser agrees to make every effort not to damage young trees, particularly trees designated as "crop" trees. Seller may be compensated for damage which is deemed excessive, by a third party, and for wrongfully cut trees.
8. This agreement shall not be assigned in whole or in part without the written consent of the Seller.
9. All modifications of this agreement will be reduced in writing, dated, signed and witnessed on the back of this agreement.
10. This Agreement shall expire on April 1, 2014.

Having read this agreement, the Seller and the Purchaser accept the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement and indicate such with their signature below:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Purchaser	Date	Witness	Date

_____	_____	_____	_____
Seller	Date	Witness	Date