INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH TRUST LAND OFFICE

Naukati Young Growth Timber Sale Naukati, Prince of Wales Island **February 7, 2022**

MHT 9101044

I) GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office (TLO) requests proposals from qualified individuals or firms (Proposer) to harvest timber and construct roads from a portion of the Alaska Mental Health Trust's holdings on Prince of Wales Island in the vicinity of Naukati, Alaska. The intention of this Invitation for Proposal (IFP) is to enter into a Contract to maximize revenue from the timber located on these lands. The initial term of the Contract will be ten (10) years. The TLO is soliciting proposals that would maximize value to the landowner, provide sustainable forest management, market forest products, and provide access to and maintenance of access to and within Trust Lands.

The timber sale area consists of land acquired by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) by a land exchange with the US Forest Service (USFS). The AMHTA received conveyance of approximately 10,772 acres of land in the Naukati Area on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska in August of 2021. The Trust Land Office (TLO), which manages lands for the AMHTA, is making available the young growth timber suitable for timber harvest in the West Naukati land exchange area. The timber sale area is accessed from the Prince of Wales road system.

The sale will encompass the young growth timber (generally over 65 years of age) that is deemed economic by the purchaser, with TLO concurrence to harvest. There are several factors which will require extensive analysis prior to harvesting these lands. These include numerous archeological sites, 10 & 15-year conservation easements (agreed to in the land exchange), and cost of accessibility.

The timber sale is anticipated to consist of approximately 500 acres of young growth timber and contains up to 20 million board feet (mmbf) of hemlock, spruce, red and yellow cedar. (Please refer to Exhibit A, which generally depicts the location of the sale area).

This sale will be primarily harvested through conventional techniques. The Contractor will be responsible for acquisition of access authorizations, additional timber from adjacent landowners, regulatory permits, and payment of taxes (if any). The Contractor will be responsible for any permits, surveys, and cleanup associated with this timber sale.

II) PROPOSALS

The TLO is seeking proposals from financially capable Proposers with proven experience harvesting and marketing timber in Alaska. The harvest location involves the need for logistical support, a high level of operational efficiency, and the financial capability to complete the project properly and on schedule, with a commitment to environmentally sound logging and road building practices. The successful Proposer-Contractor will be required to supply all capital, labor, equipment, materials, staff, and subcontractors necessary to construct or arrange for use of the necessary infrastructure, harvest, processing and transport of timber from the sale area to sort, scale, and market logs. The Contractor will provide and complete all other obligations that are required under this Contract.

- a) <u>Contract Term, Review and Reappraisal:</u> The Contract term is for ten (10) years with rights to renew for up to one (1) additional year if the contractor is in good standing and compliant with all terms and conditions of the contract.
- b) <u>Proposal Options:</u> The TLO will consider proposals submitted in the following formats:
 - i) A "Harvest and Marketing" Agreement, wherein the successful Proposer will continuously, during the term of the Contract, provide all services associated with the management and marketing of the timber in the sale area. A critical requirement will be that the Contractor provides the TLO with actual sales invoices, contracts, and financial reporting information regarding the timber sale operations. The proposal must include a clear pricing structure which can be compared with other offers. Payments to the TLO shall be scheduled with production revenue and must meet specific minimum requirements. This agreement requires an annual reconciliation of the financial terms of the contract.

The TLO will make its determination as to which proposal, or any proposals, to accept, modify, or reject based on its own determination as to what is in the best interest of the Trust.

The TLO reserves the right to award or reject any or all proposals based on internal objectives and ratings.

Proposals are to be received at the TLO office no later than 2:00 PM on March 7, 2022.

III) GENERAL TIMBER SALE DESCRIPTION

- a) <u>Location and Description of Timber</u>: The sale area lies approximately 1 ½ miles north of Naukati, Alaska. The timber sale includes all young growth timber including standing, down, live, and dead merchantable timber within the Contract Area as shown on the timber sale maps (Attachment A).
- b) <u>Timber Volume Estimate</u>: Prospective Proposers are responsible for making their own determination of the species, volumes, and quality of timber available for harvest within the Contract Area. Interested parties should be prepared to conduct their own timber inventory or other estimate of the timber that is subject to this Invitation for Proposals. This contract is for 10 years with portions of the included stands growing at a rate of one (1) thousand board feet (mbf) per year per acre. The 10-year Contract term will allow the purchaser to work with the TLO to maximize fiber from the area. Research study plots exist within the Contract Area and cannot be harvested until their expiration in 2027 or 2032. The Contract may be amended if additional young growth in identified in the Naukati

area and deemed ready to harvest by both parties.

The TLO has young growth data from the proposed USFS timber sale (Big Buck). This sale estimated the stand volume of this area at 40 mbf/acre, on a 70-acre unit, with a species mix of 83% Spruce and 17% hemlock. Additionally, there is limited timber cruise data available from the land exchange appraisal process. There is currently a timber sale operating on adjacent lands, and an estimated species composition and volume/acre has been derived from that information (Exhibit B.)

c) <u>Infrastructure:</u>

- i) Roads: The Contractor will be responsible for proposing timber harvest methodology and road locations. All plans must be preapproved in writing by the TLO prior to implementation. A detailed Plan of Operations that is compliant with the Alaska FRPA must be filed with the Alaska Division of Forestry prior to commencement of operations.
- ii) Logging Camp: No logging camp will be required.
- iii) Log Transfer Facility: There is no designated log transfer facility (LTF) for this sale. The contractor will be responsible for obtaining permission and permits for an LTF to be used with this sale. The Contractor will be responsible for aspects of continued permitting during this Contract and compliance with all applicable permits and reports including the annual bark deposit reports for an LTF.
- iv) <u>Permits</u>: The Contractor is solely responsible for the acquisition of all necessary permits and authorizations.
- v) <u>Property Lines</u>: The Contractor will be responsible for conducting operations within the Contract Areas as outlined in the Timber Sale Map (Attachment A). The Contractor will be responsible for locating or surveying property lines as needed to prevent trespass to adjacent landowners.
- vi) <u>Logging Conditions</u>: Prior to commencement of operations the Contractor will prepare a FRPA compliant development plan which outlines the areas proposed to be harvested by harvest method.
- vii) Access for Due Diligence Inspection: Access to the sale areas for inspection of the timber is by road and foot. No authorization is required from the Trust Land Office to conduct on-site due diligence activities.

IV) FINANCIAL TERMS

Proposer must provide a verifiable means to determine volume of timber removed from the sale area. This may be by 100% scale, or an approved sample scale method. A production deposit of \$50,000 dollars will be paid two weeks in advance of harvest activities or within ninety-days (90) days of the effective contract date. This is separate from the \$50,000 performance bond. The deposit will be used as a prepayment (advanced stumpage) throughout the contract. This deposit will be transferred to a stumpage payment, once 75% of the sale volume is harvested.

The TLO has set **minimum proposal requirements**. The TLO will evaluate proposals (including the plan of operations, marketing, financial offer, and stumpage rates) based on

what it determines to be in the best interest of the Trust. <u>It is the Proposer's/Contractor's obligation to present material in a manner which the TLO is able to quantify.</u>

Decision criteria will be based on the revenue which will be derived for the Trust, the operator's success in previous contracts and the operator's regulatory compliance history. Prior history of litigation may also be a factor and will be reviewed. The Trust reserves the right to refuse any or all offers for any reason.

The proposal must include a method by which timber volume can be tracked and verified as to quantity and price at the time of sale. Anticipated revenue to the Trust will be determined by utilizing timber volume estimates (Attachment B) by species expanded by the terms of the harvest market agreement. The TLO acknowledges that timber is a commodity and that markets have large price fluctuations.

The Proposer will submit item costs and the % return after deduction of proposed costs. See the contract language and explanation in Attachment D to assist in an explanation of costs. **The TLO will require a minimum return (averaged from all species) of \$100/mbf**. The anticipated species mix is: Sitka Spruce 80%, W. Hemlock 20%, and Red Cedar <1%. Proposals will be based on using a -\$750/mbf F.A.S. price minus - Estimated Total Cost_____ \$/Mbf; then multiplied by 100,000 mbf; then multiplied by the Return to TLO ____% \$/Mbf. This will give overall return for IFP scoring purposes.

a) Mandatory Financial Offers:

- i) Offers may be submitted on TLO template (Attachment D) or similar form containing at a minimum, all of the required information outlined in Attachment D. Your replacement form must be easy to understand and must not require additional explanation. Please designate **Financial Offer.**
- ii) Financial offers must meet or exceed the Minimum Stumpage Price of \$100/mbf all species (Section IV) above, to be considered.
- iii) A proposal deposit of \$25,000 in the form of a cashier's check must be submitted with the proposal. Proposal deposits will be returned to unsuccessful Proposers upon the award to a successful Proposer or the cancellation of this solicitation. The proposal deposit of the successful Proposer will be applied to the performance deposit.

b) Payment Schedule:

- i) The production deposit (advanced stumpage) will be required two weeks in advance of timber harvest and will be held based on the operating plan. This deposit shall be \$50,000 and will, at the discretion of the TLO, be increased or decreased to reflect the average rate of production in a 30-day period.
- ii) Stumpage payments (payments as outlined in HMA) will be paid to the TLO within 14 days of completion of sale of logs. A monthly production report will be submitted by the 10th day of each month (even during months when no production has occurred).

There will be an end of fiscal year and end of contract reconciliation of

stumpage and payments.

c) Performance Deposit: A separate \$50,000 cash performance bond will be required prior to the execution of the Contract. The proposal deposit of \$25,000 will be applied to the performance deposit for the successful Proposer. The remaining balance is due prior to contract signature. This deposit is designed to cover possible costs connected with the Proposer's failure to perform or complete the terms of the Contract, including, but not limited to, clean-up of environmental contamination and any regulatory requirements that need to be addressed following the active life of the Agreement.

V) TIMBER SALE AGREEMENT TERMS

a) General Information: The Draft Timber Sale Contract (Attachment C), sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the Naukati Young Growth Timber Sale. The attached Draft Timber Sale Contract is designed for a Harvest Market Agreement Timber Sale.

The TLO will negotiate limited changes to the Draft Timber Sale Contract if they are determined to be in the best interest of the Trust. The Draft Timber Sale Contract should be reviewed carefully and thoroughly. If Proposers wish to negotiate changes, they should submit with their proposal a statement identifying each section or provision they wish to negotiate and a summary of the proposed changes. If there are any conflicts between this IFP and the Draft Contract, this IFP prevails.

VI) <u>SUBMITTING PROPOSALS</u>

- a) Qualifications of Proposer: All Proposers must be at least 18 years of age, if an individual; legally competent to enter into and carry out the provision of the Timber Sale Contract; and licensed to do business in the State of Alaska. All Proposers must submit a completed Business Questionnaire, Attachment E.
- b) Questions and Comments: Questions or comments concerning this IFP must be made in writing, no later than 10:00 AM on Thursday February 20, 2022. This should allow adequate time to make and distribute necessary responses on amendments, if any. All correspondence and inquiries must be directed in writing to:

Paul Slenkamp, Senior Resource Manager Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office 1900 First Avenue, Suite 313 Ketchikan, AK 99901

Fax: (907) 225-6617 or email: paul.slenkamp@alaska.gov

c) <u>Amendments</u>: Proposers are required to keep themselves informed of any amendments to the IFP. Amendments to the IFP will be in writing signed by the TLO representative, will be made prior to the Due Date, and will expressly be identified as such. Only persons to whom the IFP has been sent by the TLO will be sent amendments and such

supplemental information or clarifications as may be issued by the TLO. By submitting a proposal, each Proposer agrees to all terms and conditions in the IFP as amended by all amendments issued by the TLO prior to the date and time the proposal is received by the TLO.

d) <u>Submitting Proposals</u>: Each Proposer must submit two (2) complete copies of its proposal, in a sealed envelope labeled as follows: Shelter Cove Timber Sale Contract (Proposer's Name and Address) by **March 7, 2022**.

To be complete, each proposal must include the following:

- i) A bid deposit in the form of a **certified Cashier's Check** or **money order** made out to the Trust Land Office for \$25,000.00. The successful Proposer's check or money order will be used towards timber sales advanced stumpage deposit. The unsuccessful Proposers will have their check or money order returned.
- ii) A detailed operating plan, complete with maps, as discussed in Contents of Proposal, a short plan of mitigating local concerns should be included.
- iii) Proposer must complete and sign Attachment D, entitled FINANCIAL OFFER and provide a detailed price proposal as discussed in <u>CONTENTS</u> OF PROPOSAL.
- iv) The Proposer must complete and sign Attachment E, entitled BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE.
- v) Statement identifying each section or provision of the Draft Contract Proposer wishes to negotiate and summarizing Proposer's proposal on the matter.
- e) <u>Contents of Proposal</u>: Detailed proposal to include:
 - i) Detailed plan of highest economic return to the Trust;
 - ii) Payment for Utility logs and pine will be \$1.00 per thousand board feet net utility scale.
 - iii) List of facilities that proposer plans for access, sortyard, log transfer and storage logs.

Please Note: Proposals which do not comply with the minimum content requirements may be considered unresponsive.

f) <u>Deadlines for Submittals</u>:

All Proposals must be received no later than the Due Date: 2:00 p.m. March 7, 2022 at:

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office 1900 First Avenue, Suite 313 Ketchikan, AK 99901

An authorized representative of the Proposer must sign all proposals. Only original proposals will be accepted. Proposals will not be accepted by fax. It is the responsibility of each Proposer to ensure that its proposal is received at the address noted above prior to the Due Date. Proposals received after the Due Date will not be

considered.

- g) <u>Proposals Opening</u>: Proposals will be opened at the Trust Land Office at 10:00 a.m. on March 7, 2022, at the Ketchikan Office, 1900 First Ave., Suite 313, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901. The proposal opening is open to the public. Proposers are not required to be present at the proposal opening.
- h) <u>Duration of Proposals</u>: All proposals must remain in effect and irrevocable for 90 days following the Due Date (March 7, 2022) of the proposals. Proposers may withdraw proposals prior to the proposal opening by delivering a written request for revocation to the TLO Representative at the address provided in Section VI (c) above prior to the Due Date.

VII) PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND AWARD

- a) Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - The TLO's judgment as to the ability of the Proposer to satisfy financial commitments and manage the project to completion as proposed;
 - ii) The Proposer's demonstrated experience with similar logging, road building, and marketing projects in Alaska, including Proposer's history of violations and stop-work orders related to the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act or other similar forest practices statutory authority.
 - iii) Past litigation history related to timber sale purchases.
 - iv) Revenue to the Trust, with a schedule of projected revenue.
 - v) The completeness of the proposal, ability to address issues of local, state or federal regulations, coordination with adjacent landowners, and the ability to perform the financial obligations of the proposed contract;
 - vi) Any other information that the TLO deems appropriate for consideration.
- b) Proposals which do not include the required information as listed above may be rejected.

VIII) AWARD PROCEDURE

The TLO intends to evaluate all proposals and select an apparent successful Proposer, or reject any and all proposals, at its sole discretion, by <u>April 15, 2022</u>. Evaluation and award will be made at the sole discretion of the TLO, solely in the best interest of the Alaska Mental Health Trust. The TLO may use TLO employees, attorneys, outside consultants and other appropriate parties to evaluate any and all proposals submitted, including financial offers and financial statements. The TLO or its advisers may conduct due diligence including, but not limited to, credit and litigation examinations that go beyond the material presented by Proposer and may seek written or oral opinions regarding

Proposer's ability to financially and operationally perform as stated in the proposal.

This IFP does not commit the TLO to accept any proposals, award a contract or enter into a Contract. The TLO reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any and all proposals and/or financial offers for any reason or no reason, to extend the deadline for this IFP, to cancel this IFP, solicit new proposals, to negotiate separately with any person whether or not it submitted a proposal, to award the contract without further discussions, to waive any informality or technicality in this IFP and in the proposals received, and to award the contract to any Proposer which the TLO believes to be in the best interest of the Alaska Mental Health Trust, whether or not the proposal is purported to be the highest value proposal. If there are no responsive proposals from responsible Proposers received by the Due Date, the TLO, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to extend the offering, to readvertise under the same or different terms, to offer this timber for sale through negotiation with any entity the TLO chooses, and/or to not sell the timber.

The TLO's decision to award a contract may be appealed in writing within twenty (20) days in accordance with 11 AAC 99.060. To appeal the decision the aggrieved Proposer must have submitted a complete and timely proposal to the TLO for the timber sale in contention.

Communication regarding the timber sales will not be considered relevant unless presented in writing.

IX) <u>DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY</u>

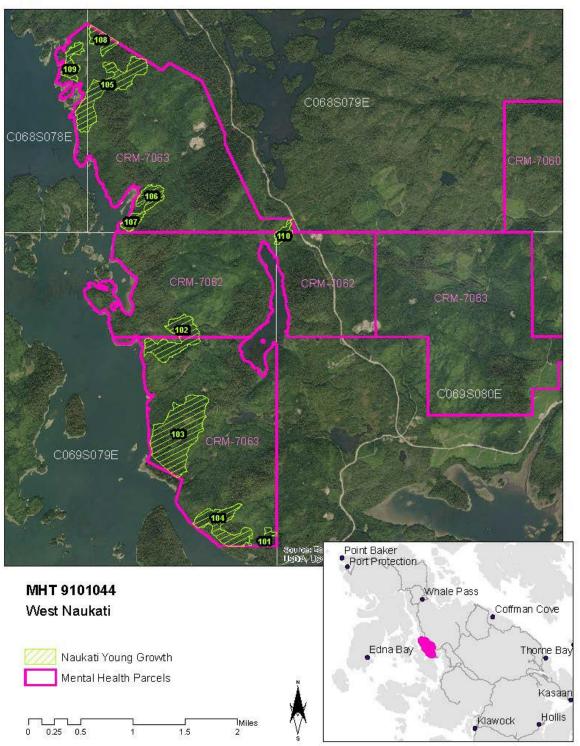
- a) This IFP is subject to the following disclaimers and limitations of liability. By submitting a proposal, Proposer hereby acknowledges and agrees that:
 - i) The information provided in the IFP is only general background information. Upon TLO authorization, the Proposer has full and unrestricted access to the sale area, and has the full and unlimited opportunity to closely inspect the property, timber, access, infrastructure, and operating conditions and has evaluated options available for transporting logs, fuel, equipment and material; and that the proposer is knowledgeable of timber and is relying solely upon its own expertise or that of its consultants.
 - ii) Proposer assumes each, every, and all risk with regard to the sale and purchase of timber from the TLO and associated road construction work.
 - iii) Proposer accepts full responsibility for determining stand characteristics, timber volume and species composition, harvest unit terrain, harvest system requirements and operational conditions as they pertain to Proposer's markets, needs, equipment and other resources.
 - iv) Proposer may not rely in any manner upon any representation by the TLO or any of its employees or representatives outside the provisions of this IFP or the terms or conditions contained in this IFP and the Draft Contract, for any purpose, including the interpretation of any provision of this IFP or compliance with the requirements of the IFP. No amendment of this IFP may be made orally.
 - v) The maps provided with this IFP are approximations and no guarantee or

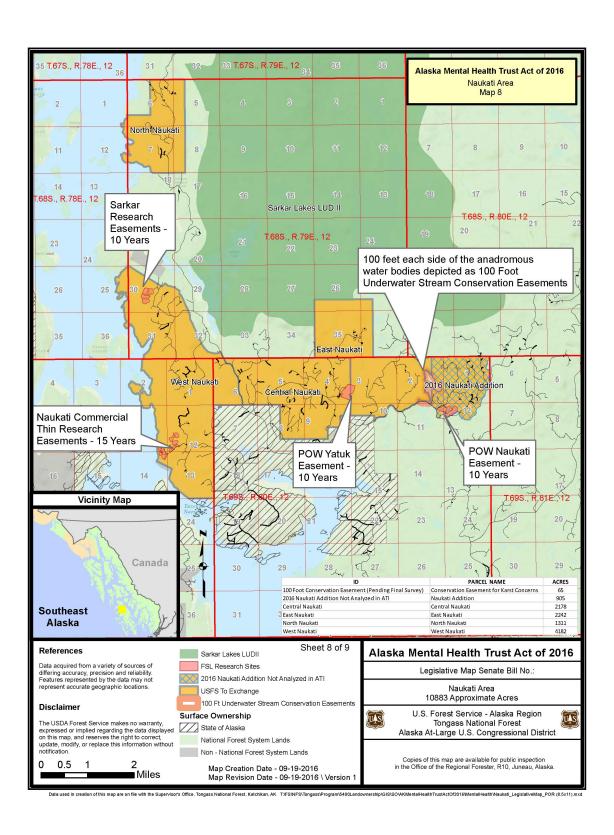
- warranty is made as to their accuracy. It is Proposer's responsibility to examine the sale area and take such other steps as may be necessary to ascertain the exact character and location of the sale area, the general and local conditions which can affect this project, and to satisfy itself as to the quantities and quality of timber present.
- vi) The TLO believes that the statements of fact in this IFP are substantially accurate. However, the TLO cannot and does not make any warranties or representations of any kind or character, express or implied, as to availability, quantity, quality, harvestability, merchantability, fitness for a particular use or purpose, matters of title, physical conditions, availability of access, operating projections, valuations, governmental regulations or any other matter concerning the timber offered herein for sale. The composition of the timber offered for sale is not warranted for grade, size, density, defect, taper or any other stand or log component. The TLO makes no warranties and shall have no liability respecting the condition or availability for use of the roads, log transfer facility, permits, or other infrastructure. The TLO will not be liable under any circumstances for any damages relating to the purchase or use of such timber or any infrastructure or for any special, consequential or incidental damages. The TLO will not be liable for and will not pay any costs incurred in the evaluation, submission or preparation of a proposal or expenses incurred due to the rejection for any reason of any or all proposals, cancellation of this IFP, the successful Proposer's failure to execute the Contract or any other reason, including fault of TLO or its representatives.

ATTACHMENT A

(Sale Area Maps, 3)

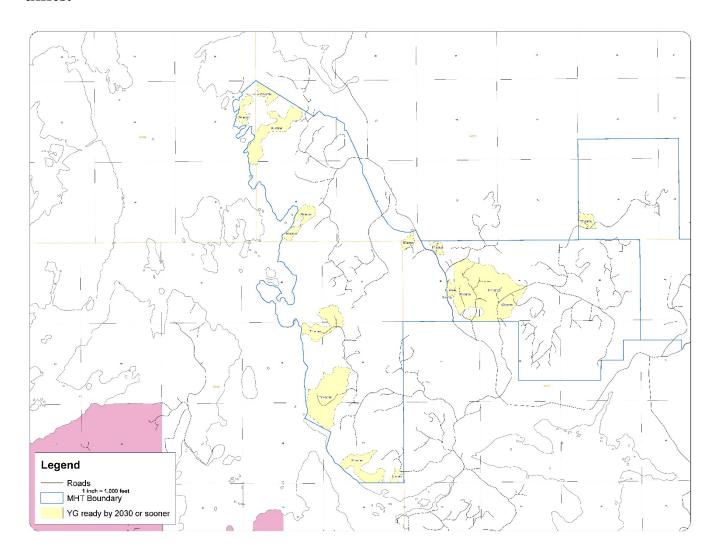




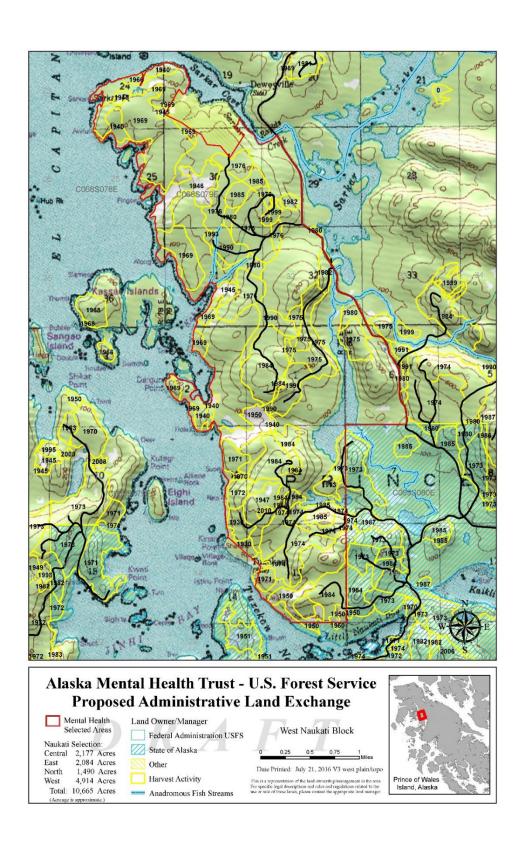


The below map was prepared by Terr Verde for the TLO.

It is the best representation available for present and future harvest units.



The map shows that a Total of 820 acres should be available for harvest by 2030.



ATTACHMENT B

Timber Volume Estimate

The property is about three (3) miles north of Naukati on Prince of Wales Island which include MH parcel(s) CRM-7062 & 7063: CRM, T69S, R79E, portions of sections; 1, 2, 11, 12, & 13 T68S, R79E portions of sections; 30, 31 & 32; T 68S, R78E portions of sections 25 & 36 containing approximately 500 acres (approximate sale area) which is a portion of a larger parcel of approximately 4,182 acres (west Naukati section of AMHT Land Exchange). Some additional units may be added if deemed ready to harvest by the TLO and the purchaser by mutual consent.

The above map shows a potential of 820 acres which could become available by the year 2030. If the average volume per acre at a two-log harvest is the anticipated 28 mbf/acre the yield for 820 acres could be 23 mmbf. Field verification has shown actual old USFS harvest boundaries may be unreliable.

Timber cruises and estimates by the USFS on the Dargon Point Commercial Thinning EA estimated, (Alternative 3) a 54 acre even age harvest and a 16 acre (50 % basal removal), a net volume of 2,500 mbf. The unit was estimated at 86% Sitka Spruce and 14% western hemlock with less than 1% red cedar. This equates to 40.3 mbf/acre. The unit was logged in the 1940's which made it 70 years of age at the time of the cruise November 2012. These volumes are equivalent to harvested stands of the same age on Hecata and Kosciusko Islands.

The Dargon Point sale area is included within this proposed sale.

It is anticipated that harvest will follow the 2-log economic harvest rule. This rule allows harvest when a stand reaches a size which allows the harvest of two- 36' logs from 75% of the stems in a stand. The TLO will work with the operator to ensure that maximum volume is available as harvest becomes practical.

Proposers are encouraged to do their own assessment of this area, growing conditions, stand conditions, and develop a harvest plan and timetable.

ATTACHMENT C

Draft Timber Sale Contract (sample contract)
(Attached Separately)

[Separate attachment]

ATTACHMENT D NAUKATI YOUNG GROWTH TIMBER SALE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Name of Proposer						
Address _						
Telephone #	()		Fax # (_)		
Authorized R	epresenta	tive(s):				

Proposer hereby makes the following offer (in United States currency) for the purchase of the Alaska Mental Health Trust's Shelter Cove Timber Sale, MHT 9100814, as described in the Invitation for Proposals, including any amendments issued prior to the Due Date.

Proposal:

Trust Land Office Naukati Young Growth Timber Sale Harvest Market Proposal Work Sheet

Attachment "D"

Company Name MARKETING RETURN FORMAT

The Proposer will submit item costs and the % return after deduction of proposed costs. See the contract language below to assist in an explanation of costs. The TLO will require a minimum return (averaged from all species) of \$100/mbf. Proposals will be based on using a \$850/mbf F.A.S. price minus ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$/MBF; then multiplied by 100,000 mbf; then multiplied by RETURN TO TLO ___% \$/MBF. This will give overall return for IFP scoring purposes.

MARKETING RETURN	
	PER MBF
SALE Price \$/MBF	\$ 850.00
DIRECT COST \$/MBF	\$00
LOGGING COST	\$00
ROAD COST (\$K/mile) estimate	\$00
SCALING/SUPPLIES	\$00
COST TO FOB	.00

Accounting, Marketing, Admin, Engineering	\$00
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$/MBF	.00
ESTIMATED TOTAL RETURN \$/MBF	\$00
RETURN TO TLO%-\$/MBF	\$/MBF

AGREEMENT

In consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein and the mutual benefits to be derived here from, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. **<u>Definitions</u>**. In this Agreement the following words have the following meanings:
- (a) "Direct Costs" means costs of harvesting and marketing the Logs properly harvested under this Agreement including (but not limited to) the cost of road construction and maintenance(other than for Shelter Cover Road paid by DOT/PF); rock royalties; bridge construction*; felling, bucking, yarding, loading, hauling, sorting, scaling, processing, booming logs, including the cost of boomsticks; crane maintenance; engineering; permitting; camp operation if required; quality control; towing and ship tending; normal and reasonable inventory loss; interest on working capital; Contractor's costs for contract supervision attributable to Logs sold. In the event that Contractor sells Logs on terms other than F.A.S. (Free Along Side) ship (i.e., F.O.B. ship, C&F, C.I.F., etc.) then the actual costs incurred beyond those costs necessary to deliver the Logs F.A.S. ship will also be included in Direct Costs. Direct Costs are shown in Attachment "B" on the basis of net Scribner scale volume plus utility scale for pulp. * Road construction, maintenance, and bridge construction paid for by DOT/PF and other funding sources are excluded from this agreement.
- (b) "TLO's Profit" means the allocation of the Marketing Return to TLO as provided in subparagraph 6(a).
- (c) "Gross Sales Revenues" means, for any period, the aggregate of all proceeds from sales of Logs sold by Contractor during such period.
- (d) "Logs" means all sawlogs and Pulp Logs harvested from the Timber during the term of this agreement.
- (e) "Minimum Return" means the Marketing Return rate specified in paragraph 8.
- (f) "Contractor's Fee" shall mean the allocation of Marketing Return to Contractor as provided in subparagraph 6(a).
- (g) "**Timber**" means all standing and down timber located on the property described in Exhibit "A.
- 2. <u>Harvesting and Marketing Services</u>. Contractor shall provide the following harvest and marketing services to TLO for the Timber:
 - (a) Harvest planning and scheduling.
 - (b) Engineering and road layout.
- (c) Administration of contracts for road building, timber harvesting, hauling, sort yard operation and ship loading.
 - (d) Quality control for cutting, utilization and sorting logs harvested.
- (e) Negotiation of sales agreements with customers, including setting prices and determining volume and quality of logs sold. Contractor shall make commercially reasonable

efforts to obtain the highest return on all sales. Contractor shall not sell Logs to any entity owned or controlled by Contractor without the prior written consent (including consent to price and terms of sale) of TLO.

- (f) Invoicing, accounts receivable collection and letters of credit.
- (g) Inventory and log accountability.
- (h) Ship scheduling and, where necessary, ship chartering.
- (i) Accounting and cost control.
- (j) Financing of working capital.
- 3. <u>Marketing Return</u>. The Marketing Return shall be equal to the Gross Sales Revenues for all Logs sold during any calendar quarter less the aggregate of:
 - (a) all Direct Costs attributable to the Logs sold; and
 - (b) all amounts paid in settlement of customer claims during that quarter.
- (c) In the event pulp log produced under this amendment actual sales value is less than harvesting costs as shown on Exhibit "B" No market return shall be made and Contractor will only be allowed costs up to the FAS value of the pulp logs.

4.	Allocation of Marketing Return. The	Marketing Return shall be distributed as
follows:		<u> </u>
	(a) Contractor shall pay to TLO,	percent (%) of the Marketing
	Return as TLO's Profit.	
	(b) Contractor shall retain	percent (%) (100% - TLO
	Marketing Return) of the Marketing Re	turn as Contractor's Fee.
	(c) Contractor shall provide a cal	culation of Marketing Return for each
	calendar quarter in the format shown in l	Exhibit "B".

- 5. Minimum Return. The Minimum return rate shall be based on the marketing return to the TLO divided by net scale. The stumpage rate of return (averaged from all species) will exceed \$100/mbf. In the event that the average TLO's Profit for all Logs harvested and sold during the term of this Agreement is less than the Minimum Return (\$100/mbf), Contractor agrees to recalculate the Marketing Return for the entire volume of Logs so that the average Market Return for all Logs harvested and sold equals the Minimum Return and to make any additional payments of TLO's Profit within twenty (20) days of the end of the Term.
- 6. Records and Inspection of Books. Contractor shall maintain its records for this Agreement in a way which will specifically describe gross sales revenues, each component of Direct Costs, amounts paid in settlement of customer claims, and other items addressed under this Agreement. At reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, TLO shall have the right, at its expense, to have a mutually agreeable CPA firm inspect Contractor's books, contracts and records which are relevant to Contractor's payments under this Agreement.

7. **Payments**.

(a) Contractor shall fund all Direct Costs. Marketing Return shall be calculated quarterly. Log decks, including pulp decks with an anticipated negative Marketing Return shall be accrued as a sale when completed and included in the calculation of Marketing Return for that quarter. Such accruals shall be adjusted to actual upon sale. Contractor shall pay TLO its portion of the Marketing Return within 30 days of the end of the calendar quarter. Five percent (5%) interest per annum will be paid to TLO for Marketing Return payments not made within 30 days. The allocation of Marketing Return provided in Paragraph 6 above shall be reconciled on an annual basis as of the end of each calendar year. Overpayments to TLO shall be credited against future

payments due. If there is insufficient Marketing Return due to TLO to offset such overpayment, TLO shall repay such overpayment to Contractor within twenty (20) days of the end of the Term or determination of the overpayment, whichever comes first. Underpayments to TLO shall be paid within twenty (20) days of the end of the Term or of determination of payment due, whichever comes first. A copy of the shipping invoice will be mailed or faxed by Contractor to TLO as soon as it is available to Contractor.

- (b) At the close of the Term of this Agreement, the parties shall meet if necessary, to reconcile differences in determining Direct Costs, Marketing Return, and other matters.
- 8. <u>Harvest Plan</u>. Prior to commencing operations, Contractor will provide TLO with a timber harvest plan and marketing plan. Contractor shall harvest and market timber to achieve the maximum Marketing Return consistent with environmental considerations and responsible forest management. The harvest plan shall be approved by the management Committee if in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and shall be updated annually prior to commencement of each harvest season. Contractor shall provide the management Committee with quarterly updates to the Harvest and Marketing Plan as well as a quarterly forecast of volume and returns.

9. Utilization

- (a) Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to fell, buck, merchandise, and utilize timber in a manner that shall maximize Market Return. Contractor shall provide fallers and/or bucking crews with Contractor's tree selection criteria, bucking instructions, and preferred log lengths, in writing. Contractor shall not be required to harvest stands or units of Timber which will yield less than the Minimum Return.
- (b) Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to avoid wastage due to negligent breakage, excessive stump height, improper practices or careless handling or transportation.
- (c) TLO shall have the right to suspend operations if Marketing Return losses are identified due to contractors performance under subparagraphs (a), and (b) of this paragraph 12 and such performance has not been improved to meet the standards of subparagraphs (a) and (b) after notification of the management Committee.
- 10. <u>Management Committee</u>. The parties shall form a management Committee composed of two (2) members; one (1) appointed by Contractor and one (1) appointed by TLO. The representatives appointed by each party shall have full authority to represent that party at meetings of the management Committee.
 - (a) **Responsibilities**. The management Committee shall:
 - (i) review and approve the annual harvest plan;
 - (ii) review the form of the contractor's logging contract;
 - (iii) provide direction on TLO policy issues;
 - (iv) endeavor to resolve disputes between the parties concerning the discharge of their respective obligations under this Agreement;
 - (v) perform any other duty delegated to it by the parties pursuant to this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Meetings</u>. The management Committee shall meet as and when required to carry out its responsibilities, but in any event not less than once per calendar quarter. Either party may request a meeting on reasonable notice and meetings may be held by telephone. All members or their designated representatives members must be present at any meetings of the

management Committee.

- (c) <u>Decisions</u>. All decisions of the management Committee must be unanimous.
- 11. **Grant of Rights**. Except as provided in Paragraph 12(a), TLO hereby grants to Contractor the exclusive right to provide harvesting and marketing services to TLO with respect to the Timber for the Term of this Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- Confidentiality. The parties agree that all information concerning log grades, volumes, prices, sorts, marketing plans and related information is proprietary and confidential (the "Confidential Information"). The parties hereto agree not to disclose any of the Confidential Information to third parties or to any persons except employees to whom disclosure is necessary in order to carry out the provisions of this Agreement. The parties further agree to instruct all employees to whom such information is disclosed as to its confidentiality and to further instruct them not to copy or distribute any documents containing the Confidential Information or to disclose the information to others except to the extent necessary to carry out the obligations of the parties under this Agreement.

ATTACHMENT E SHELTER COVE TIMBER SALE BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

This form is to be completed by any persons submitting a proposal on the subject timber sale and returned to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office as part of their proposal packet. It is to be completed with the full knowledge of the authorized representative of the Proposer. Please explain any omissions and use additional pages where appropriate.

1. Name, address, and contact in	formation for Pro	poser:	
Name		_Title	
Business Name, if any			
Address	City	State	_ Zip
Telephone Number ()	Fax # ()	
E-Mail			
2. Name, address and contact inf	formation for indi-	vidual completing	g questionnaire:
Name		_Title	
Address	City	State	_ Zip
Telephone Number ()	Fax # ()	
E-mail			
3. Proposer's organization:			
☐ Individual ☐ Business Corpora☐ General Partnership ☐ Limited☐ Other (explain)	l Partnership		
Place of Formation of Proposer:		_ Date of Formati	ion:
Alaska Business License #:			<u>-</u>
Taxpaver ID #·			

Note: Proposer must have a valid Alaska Business License. Proposer should include any of the following that demonstrates evidence that the Proposer possesses a valid Alaska Business License: (a) A current copy of Proposer's Alaska Business License. (b) A canceled check that demonstrates Proposer's payment of the Alaska Business License fee. (c) A copy of Proposer's Alaska Business License application with a receipt stamp from the State's business license office. 4. How long has Proposer been in business?_____ (years). Was Proposer ever organized under another name? \Box Yes \square No If yes, please explain: **5.** List Proposer's present business activities and locations: 6. List partners, principals, directors, officers, and project managers of Proposer:

Position

Address

Phone

Name

7. List Proposer's major equity interest owners and affiliated entities. An equity interest owner shall be considered "major" if more than 5% of the total equity interest or voting power is owned and controlled. An entity shall be considered affiliated with Proposer if it controls, is controlled by or is under common control or management with Proposer. Describe any voting, sale or similar Contracts:

Name	Position	Address	Interest	Phone	
8. Proposer's Fin	ancial Information	n·			
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9. List three business <u>and</u> three credit references with whom Proposer has done business in the

Address

Relationship

last three years:

Name

Phone

10. Identify Proposer's sources of capital for this project:
11. List and describe Proposer's previous projects that are similar in nature and scope to the proposed timber sale:
12. Has Proposer or any person listed in question 6 and 7 or any entity currently or previously affiliated with Proposer or any person listed in question 6 or 7 ever filed a petition for bankruptcy, been adjudged bankrupt, or made an assignment for the benefit of creditors? Yes No If yes, please explain:
13. Within the past 10 years, has Proposer or any person listed in question 6 and 7 or any entity currently or previously affiliated with Proposer or any person listed in question 6 or 7 ever been in default on any obligation, or been subject to any unsatisfied judgment or lien or litigation to enforce performance of a contract? Has litigation ever been required to satisfy such a judgment or lien? Was a default judgment ever entered in such proceeding?
Yes □ No □ If yes, please explain:

14. Identify and describe, including dates, any and all governmental limitation, Stop Work Orders, Notices of Violation, Citations or Proposer of non-compliance under Alaska Statutes 16 or 41 or sin habitat protection and forest practices statutes in other states or fedpast 10 years. Includes such notices issued to Proposer, to its currentities, its employees or to contractors working on behalf of Proposer.	other documents notifying nilar applicable wildlife or eral jurisdictions within the ent or previously affiliated
15 . List all legal actions or administrative claims, within the past 10 y person listed in question 6 or 7 or any entity currently or previously any person listed in question 6 or 7 has been a party.	
16. The following individual(s) have authority to sign any and all of IFP, subsequent timber sale contract and related documents (attemporate resolution or appropriate notarized documents): Name Title	
I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have received, read, and understand the Land Office's Shelter Cove Timber Sale Invitation for Proposal, and and accept the terms and conditions therein. The information submit knowledge. I have relied solely on my own professional judgment an of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office in the preparation and and, I have the signatory authority to sign any documents associated acknowledge and agree that the Alaska Mental Health Trust La discretion use staff, consultants and others it deems necessary to Business Questionnaire and conduct due diligence to evaluate informer Proposer:	any/all amendments thereto ted herein is true to my own d not on any representatives submission of this Proposal with this Proposal. I hereby nd Office may in its sole preview this Proposal and nation contained therein.
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