



Contract No. **TX13245**  
**NOTICE OF SALE OF FOREST PRODUCTS**

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Pursuant to Section 9-0505 of the Environmental Conservation Law, sealed bids for the following forest products located on **(St. Lawrence County) Reforestation Area # 16 (Toothaker Creek State Forest) Stand(s) A-722** will be accepted at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, **190 Outer Main St, Suite 103 Potsdam NY 13676, 11AM April 04, 2024.**

SPECIES	DBH (Inches)	NO. OF TREES	ESTIMATED QUANTITY (MBF) (International 1/4" Log Rule)
White Pine	11-20	14	2.4 MBF more or less
Spruce	10-14	2	0.1 MBF more or less
Red Maple	10-14	3	0.3 MBF more or less
Pine Pulp	6-14	45	3.5 Cords more or less
Hemlock Pulp	6-24	48	5.5 Cords more or less
Aspen Pulp	6-10	10	0.7 Cords more or less
Hardwood Pulp	6-16	129	14.2 Cords more or less
<b>SAWTIMBER TOTAL</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>2.8 MBF more or less</b>
<b>TOTAL SALE</b>		<b>251</b>	<b>2.8 MBF and 23.9 Cords more or less</b>

**I. LOCATION AND MINIMUM BID**

This softwood/hardwood material is located in the **Town of Pitcairn in St. Lawrence County**, on approximately **2.6 acres**. It will be sold to the highest approved bidder. Minimum acceptable bid shall not be less than **\$ 772 U.S.**

**II. CONTRACT TERM**

The Contractor will remove all material from State land and meet all the conditions of the sale contract by **June 15, 2025**. Contract extensions may be granted, at the discretion of the DEC upon written request of Contractor, when extenuating circumstances exist. No extension shall exceed 12 months in length, and the total length of all extensions shall not exceed 24 months. **In order to facilitate approval of extensions prior to contract expiration, requests for extensions, along with all other required documentation, shall be made in writing at least 60 days prior to Contract termination date. Extension requests must be acknowledged on an acceptable form provided by the DEC. To request an acknowledgment form, please contact your**

local DEC office or visit the DEC public web site [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/acknowledgment13.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/acknowledgment13.pdf) .

### **III. NOTIFICATIONS**

The Contractor will notify the DEC no less than five (5) business days prior to Contractor's intent to commence harvesting operations and at least five (5) business days prior to starting final cleanup. The Contractor will be required to meet with the DEC prior to commencing these operations. Exception to these requirements may be made only by the DEC.

It will be the Contractor's responsibility to provide the workers actually performing the work with a copy of the NOTICE OF SALE OF FOREST PRODUCTS before work begins. The Contractor shall keep a copy of the NOTICE OF SALE OF FOREST PRODUCTS on site at all times while conducting work under the terms of this Contract.

Upon determination by the DEC that any of the terms in this contract are not being upheld, the Contractor may receive a Notice to Correct by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the required work is not completed within seven (7) calendar days following receipt of such Notice to Correct, unless a good faith effort to do so is demonstrated to the DEC's satisfaction, this contract may be terminated for cause, at the discretion of the DEC.

When active work in the sale area has stopped for 14 or more consecutive calendar days or upon the completion of a stand, payment area, or other portion of the work required in the Notice of Sale, the DEC may determine that work is needed to properly close and stabilize the job site. This may include leveling access trails and/or landing areas, installing best management practices (BMPs) including waterbars, earth berms, or other measures as required in the Notice of Sale. Upon determination by the DEC that such work is necessary, the Contractor will receive a Notice to Correct by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the required work is not completed within seven (7) calendar days following receipt of such Notice to Correct, unless a good faith effort to do so is demonstrated to the DEC's satisfaction, the contract may be terminated for cause, at the DEC's option.

This contract may be terminated or suspended by the DEC if the Contractor abandons the work under this contract; is in violation of any conditions of this contract and permit; fails or refuses to conform with the requirements of this contract; or if at any time the DEC is of the opinion that the Contractor is willfully violating any of the conditions of the contract or executing same in bad faith; or that, the Contractor has failed to promote work in a diligent manner. Upon such default or termination, the DEC shall have the right to proceed to enforce the bond posted by the Contractor in connection with this contract.

#### **A. Firewood Notice**

Rules have been implemented regarding firewood transportation into and within New York State. **Effective immediately, the transportation of untreated firewood within New York State for commercial sale is limited to 50 miles or less from the source, as defined in the regulations.** These regulations have been implemented to help prevent the spread of forest insect pests. The full text of the regulations can be found online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html>. There is also a web page with frequently asked questions about the regulations at: <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources/dont-move-firewood-2021-new-york-poster/>.

Notice to bidders: If you are the end user of firewood you may required to remit sales tax, per the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance ([https://www.tax.ny.gov/pubs\\_and\\_bulls/tg\\_bulletins/st/sales\\_tax\\_rate\\_publications.htm](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pubs_and_bulls/tg_bulletins/st/sales_tax_rate_publications.htm)). The table below lists the jurisdictions that impose a local tax on residential sales of wood for heating, and the applicable tax rate.

<b>Taxing jurisdiction</b> (county names added for clarification)	<b>Tax rate %</b>
Allegany County	4½
Cattaraugus County (outside the following)	3
Olean (city)	3
Salamanca (city)	3
Cayuga County (outside the following)	4
Auburn (city)	4
Chemung County	4
Norwich (city) ( <i>Chenango County</i> )	3
Cortland County	4
Erie County	4¾
Franklin County	2
Oneida (city) ( <i>Madison County</i> )	2
Niagara County	4
Orleans County	4
Oswego (city) ( <i>Oswego County</i> )	4
Rockland County	4
Schenectady County	4
St. Lawrence County (outside the following)	4
Ogdensburg (city)	4
Suffolk County	2½
Tioga County	3
Tompkins County (outside the following)	4
Ithaca (city)	4
Westchester County (outside the following)	4
Mount Vernon (city)	4
New Rochelle (city)	3
Yonkers (city)	4½
New York City	4½

#### **IV. VOLUME ESTIMATION**

The volume in the standing trees was estimated and is based on the International ¼" Kerf Log Rule for sawtimber and the standard 4' x 4' x 8' cord for cordwood. Volume estimates are based on a 100% tree count and a 100% volume estimate using the International 1/4" Log Rule volume tables and the U.S. Forest Service Composite Cordwood Volume Table.

Additionally, volume deductions were made for visible defects; however, the DEC does not guarantee the estimated tree count, volume or quality of the stumpage advertised.

#### **V. MARKING**

The trees for sale have been felled, bucked, and moved to stockpiles on the powerline right-of-way: one pile of softwood pulp, one pile of aspen, one pile of softwood sawlogs and two piles of hardwood.

Only those trees which have been marked or otherwise designated to be sold by the DEC shall be cut/removed under the terms of this contract. All trees so marked or designated shall be cut/removed by the Contractor and, in the event any are not cut/removed, they nevertheless shall be paid for under the terms of this contract. Pursuant to §9-1501 and § 71-0703 (6) (b) of the ECL, should any unmarked or otherwise non-designated tree be cut/removed, destroyed or injured, the Contractor may be liable for a penalty of \$250.00 per tree or treble damages or both.

#### **VI. LOG LANDINGS**

The landing is located within a New York Power Authority Right of Way on Garrison Haul Road (a.k.a. Toothaker Road), three quarters of a mile from the intersection of Garrison Road and Garrison Haul Road. The landing area is accessible by pickup truck or log truck.

No piece of any machine or log shall be within 25 feet of the power line at any point.

Any additional site work to improve the landings to accommodate the specific needs of the Contractor will be done at the Contractor's expense and only with the approval of the DEC.

Landings will be kept in a neat condition at all times during the sale. The Contractor shall keep landings free of any garbage, oil cans, or debris. The Contractor shall prevent rutting on landings which may result in channelized sediment flow off the landing.

At the completion of the sale, the Contractor shall grade and stabilize the landings to the satisfaction of the DEC.

#### **VII. ACCESS SYSTEM**

Logs shall not be skidded and must be picked up by log truck, forwarding trailer, or pickup truck.

The Contractor shall secure all roads, trails and landings to restrict erosion at all times to the satisfaction of the DEC according to guidelines in the publication New York State Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality – BMP Field Guide (BMP Field Guide). The BMP Field Guide may be viewed on-line by going to: [https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/forestrybmp.pdf](https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/forestrybmp.pdf). The DEC reserves the right

to require the Contractor to implement erosion and sedimentation controls at any time, which includes, but is not limited to, water bars, broad based dips, corduroy, culverts, temporary bridges, straw bales, seeding and mulching.

If soil erosion occurs during harvesting, the Contractor shall install and maintain water bars, broad based dips or other appropriate water control devices at locations determined by the DEC.

The Contractor shall prevent ruts on all roads and logging trails that may result in channelized sediment flow.

### **VIII. HARVESTING**

Harvesting operations will be suspended during the month of April and between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> due to the likelihood of wet conditions. This restriction may be altered by DEC depending on weather conditions. Exceptions must be approved by the DEC. DEC may partially or wholly restrict harvesting operations during periods of wet and/or muddy conditions throughout the contract period.

The DEC reserves the right to restrict the size of the equipment used when, in the judgment of the DEC, said large equipment is causing unacceptable damage to the site.

### **IX. ADDITIONAL SALE RELATED WORK**

None

### **X. RARE, ENDANGERED, THREATENED OR SPECIAL CONCERN SPECIES**

The DEC reserves the right to implement temporary restrictions on harvesting activities to protect previously unknown occurrences of rare, endangered, threatened or special concern species found within or near the sale area.

### **XI. OSHA and SAFETY RELATED TERMS**

OSHA regulations relating to safety and safety equipment must be followed at all times by the Contractor.

Non-designated dead or hazardous trees may be cut, pushed or pulled down when necessary to comply with OSHA regulations, but must be left on the site next to the stump and may not be utilized by the Contractor. In this situation, when the Contractor cuts a non-designated tree, the Contractor must notify the DEC within one business day. When the Contractor identifies a hazard tree which is too dangerous to cut or work around and will impact the completion of the contract, the Contractor must notify the DEC. If the hazardous situation cannot be resolved or mitigated, the DEC (upon consultation with the Contractor) will decide on an acceptable solution.

No person under the age of 18 shall be allowed within 100 feet of the sale area during harvesting operations unless they are part of a registered apprenticeship program, or enrolled in a recognized vocational training program or an approved on-the-job training program, or have completed such a program, and be at least 16 years old. Sale area shall be defined as the area identified on the sketch map developed for this sale and shall include the area marked for harvest, roads and trails accessing it, and the log landing.

## **XII. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR CHAINSAW USERS**

Any person operating a chainsaw for any purpose while undertaking the activities authorized by this contract are required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including at least the following: hard hat, eye protection, hearing protection, and cut-resistant chaps or pants. Additionally, the chainsaw must be equipped with properly functioning safety devices, including, at minimum, a properly functioning chain brake.

## **XIII. LOGGER TRAINING**

Any person who will perform any duties related to the felling, handling and removal of trees under this contract, hereunder referred to as “worker,” regardless of whether they are an employee or subcontractor of the Contractor, shall maintain current (non-expired) certification under a Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee (SFI SIC) approved training program or equivalent program which includes a continuing education component, for the duration of the timber sale contract. Examples of acceptable training programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- New York Logger Training (NYLT)
- Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program
- Vermont Logger Education to Advance Professionalism (LEAP)
- Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Harvester License
- Maine Certified Logging Professional Program
- New Hampshire Professional Loggers
- Maryland/Delaware Master Logger Program
- Ohio Master Logger Certification

The DEC reserves the right to evaluate additional certification, licensing or training programs to determine whether they are comparable to the minimum standards for the above-listed programs. Evaluation and final determination for such programs shall be conducted by the Chief of Bureau of Forest Resource Management (BFRM) or the BFRM’s State Forests Section Leader.

Prior to starting any timber sale tasks related to the felling, handling and removal of trees, the Contractor shall provide to the DEC a list of all worker names and certification or license numbers (TLC number or equivalent) or a copy of the worker’s logger training certificate (TLC certificate or equivalent) of any worker who will perform any duties related to the felling, handling and removal of trees.

If a worker’s certification, licensing or training expires during the contract period that worker shall not perform any timber sale tasks related to the felling, handling and removal of trees until proof of current certification, licensing or training is provided to the DEC.

Duties related to the felling, handling and removal of trees shall include but are not limited to the use of chainsaws, mechanized felling and harvesting equipment, skidding and forwarding, slashing, chipping and stacking of forest products, or any other method of felling, handling or removing trees.

Workers who are not certified by an SFI SIC approved training program (or equivalent) may perform duties related to the felling, handling and removal of trees as long as the

Contractor, in good faith, assures the DEC that the non-certified worker is actively pursuing certification by an SFI SIC approved training program (or equivalent). A contractor certified by an SFI SIC approved training program (or equivalent) may only supervise one non-certified worker (1:1 ratio) at any given period during the life of this contract. The Contractor shall inform the DEC when the worker receives certification by an SFI SIC approved training program (or equivalent) and provide proof of certification upon request.

**Truck drivers and loader operators are not required to be certified if their only duties are the loading of forest products onto the truck and/or transportation of forest products from the harvesting site.**

#### **XIV. FLUID LEAK CONTROL**

The Contractor will be responsible for the control and collection of fluids leaking from any equipment used on the site. The Contractor must have a spill containment and cleanup kit appropriate for the equipment being used. At a minimum, the kit will contain: plugs and clamps to control hydraulic line breaks, a container to collect leaking fluids, fluid absorbent pads and a shovel. Operating any equipment noticeably leaking fluids is prohibited. The Contractor must take action to collect and control fluids leaking from inactive equipment or equipment being maintained or repaired on-site. The collected fluids must then be reused or properly disposed of. For additional information regarding the handling of hazardous materials please refer to page 28-29 of the New York State Forestry BMP Field Guide – 2018 Edition.

For more information please reference the DEC Spills webpage <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/chemical-petroleum-spills> and the Spills Hotline number 1-800-457-7362.

All petroleum spills that occur within New York State (NYS) must be reported to the Spills Hotline within 2 hours of discovery, except spills which meet **all of the following criteria:**

1. The quantity is known to be less than 5 gallons; **and**
2. The spill is contained and under the control of the spiller; **and**
3. The spill has not and will not reach the State's water or any land; **and**
4. The spill is cleaned up with 2 hours of discovery

#### **XV. DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT 2006**

In 2007, New York State passed legislation establishing the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act 2006 (DERA.) This Act amended the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) by adding Section 19-0323 which requires the use of best available retrofit technology (BART) and ultra low sulfur diesel fuel (ULSD) for heavy duty vehicles owned or operated by, including on behalf of, state agencies and state or regional public authorities. The Department has promulgated regulations (6 NYCRR Part 248) to provide guidance on provisions of the law. The regulations may be found on the Department's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2492.html>.

The successful bidder must comply with the specifications and provisions of ECL Section 19-0323 and NYCRR Part 248, which require the use of BART and ULSD, unless specifically waived by the Department. Qualifications for a waiver under this law are the responsibility of the successful bidder.

## **XVI. SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION CERTIFICATION**

State Finance Law §139-l requires bidders on state procurements to certify that they have a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provide annual sexual harassment training (that meets the minimum requirements of section two hundred one-g of the NYS Labor Law and Department of Labor's model policy and training standards) to all its employees.

Where competitive bidding is required pursuant to statute, rule or regulation, every bid made to the state or any public department or agency of the state must contain the following statement:

"By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two hundred one-g of the labor law."

Bids that do not contain the certification will not be considered for award; provided however, that if the bidder cannot make the certification, the bidder shall provide a signed statement with their bid detailing the reasons why the certification cannot be made. After review and consideration of such statement, the DEC may reject the bid or may decide that there are sufficient reasons to accept the bid without such certification.

Bidders are required to sign and submit the attached Sexual Harassment Prevention Certification form. If the bidder cannot make the certification, then a signed statement must be submitted with the bid detailing the reasons why the certification cannot be made.

## **XVII: EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 16**

Executive Order No. 16 provides that "all Affected State Entities are directed to refrain from entering into any new contract or renewing any existing contract with an entity conducting business operations in Russia." The complete text of Executive Order No. 16 can be found at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/executive-order/no-16-prohibiting-state-agencies-and-authorities-contracting-businesses-conducting> . The Executive Order remains in effect while sanctions against Russia imposed by the federal government are in effect. Accordingly, vendors who may be excluded from award because of current business operations in Russia are nevertheless encouraged to respond to solicitations to preserve their contracting opportunities in case the sanctions are lifted during a solicitation or even after award in the case of some solicitations. As defined in Executive Order No. 16, an "entity conducting business operations in Russia" means an institution or company, wherever located, conducting any commercial activity in Russia or transacting business with the Russian Government or with commercial entities headquartered in Russia or with their principal place of business in Russia in the form of contracting, sales, purchasing, investment, or any business partnership. Vendors responding to this solicitation are required to complete and submit the form entitled "Certification Under Executive Order No. 16 Prohibiting State Agencies and Authorities from Contracting with Businesses Conducting Business in Russia".

**XVIII. TERMS OF BIDDING**

Proposal blanks and any other information relative to this proposed sale may be obtained from **Karl Dumoulin**, Forester Trainee 1, NYS DEC, 190 Outer Main Street, Suite 103, Potsdam New York 13676, telephone (315) 265-3338, or by email at [karl.dumoulin@dec.ny.gov](mailto:karl.dumoulin@dec.ny.gov) or online at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/69749.html> or by contacting the NYS DEC, Attn: State Timber Sales, Region 6, 190 Outer Main Street, Suite 103, Potsdam NY 13676.

Bids must be submitted via mail, delivery service, or in person. All bids must be submitted on the original *Bid Proposal* (Proposal) form supplied by the DEC for this specific sale and included with this Notice. Alternate forms of bidding, including photocopies, will not be accepted. All blanks on the Proposal form must be completely filled in. Amounts must be written out and also stated in figures. Alteration of the Proposal by which the terms are changed may cause rejection of the bid. *Please note that the bid deadline is for receipt of the bid at the address listed below, not for mailing or entrusting to a delivery service. The Department is not responsible for lost or late mailings. Late bids will be returned unopened. No electronic submissions will be accepted.*

The original *Bid Proposal* must be accompanied with a completed and signed original *Bidders/Proposers Certification form, Executive Order No. 16 Certification, and Sexual Harassment Prevention Certification form*. The original *Bid Proposal, Bidders/Proposers Certification form, Executive Order No. 16 Certification, Sexual Harassment Prevention Certification* and bid deposit for this sale must be submitted in an envelope addressed to **“NYS DEC, Region 6, 190 Outer Main Street, Suite 103, Potsdam, NY 13676:”** and

<i>Bidders Name Here</i>	<b>SEALED BID ENCLOSED</b>	<i>Postage Here</i>
<i>Return Address Here</i>	<b><u>DO NOT OPEN</u></b>	
<b>NYS DEC  Region 6  190 Outer Main Street, Suite 103, Potsdam NY 13676</b>		
<b>PROPOSAL: <u>TX13245, St. Lawrence 16</u></b> <b>Bid Opening: <u>11:00 AM, Thursday, April 4, 2024</u></b>		

clearly showing only the following information:

**Each proposal must be accompanied by a deposit of 5% of the amount bid in the form of check or money order drawn to the order of the “NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.”** The DEC reserves the right to waive any technicalities concerning bids and also to reject any and all bids if the best interests of the State will be promoted thereby. Award to the successful bidder will be made within ten days after opening of bids. Bidders are asked to completely and legibly fill out the return address portion of the bid envelope. In the unlikely event that bids must be returned unopened, this will greatly facilitate their being sent back to bidders.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

***The attached "BIDDER'S/PROPOSER'S CERTIFICATION" form, "SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION CERTIFICATION" form, and EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 16 CERTIFICATION must be completed, signed, and returned along with your bid proposal. Failure to include these forms may result in rejection of the bid.***

In the event that two or more high bids are submitted in exactly the same amount, the bid that was received first by the DEC will be considered the apparent high bidder.

Notice of Sale documents, bid opening dates and bid results can be found on-line on the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation public web site address: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/69749.html> and clicking on the NYS DEC Region where the timber sale is being offered. Bid results will be posted for 30 days beyond the bid opening date.

**XIX. TERMS OF SALE**

**A. General**

**All monetary references are in U.S. dollars. All material will be paid for by the Contractor prior to the commencement of harvesting operations. The Contractor will execute and return the sales contract to "NYS DEC, Attn: Region 6 190 Outer Main Street, Suite 103, Potsdam NY 13676," along with all other required documentation, within 30 calendar days of Notice of Award.**

The successful bidder will not commence operations hereunder until payment according to the payment schedule is made, and a fully executed copy of the sales contract is received by him/her with authorization to proceed with removal of products.

The Contractor may subcontract for the performance of work pursuant to this Contract only with the prior written approval of the DEC. If the Contractor enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor remains liable for compliance with all the terms of this Contract. The Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors.

**B. Vendor Responsibility**

*State procurement laws require that state agencies award contracts only to responsible Contractors. To fulfill this requirement, potential Contractors may be required to complete a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire or otherwise provide additional information to assist the DEC in assessing responsibility.*

- **General Responsibility:** The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.
- **Suspension of Work (for Non-Responsibility):** The Commissioner or his or her designee, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when he or she discovers information that

calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner or his or her designee issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

- **Termination for Non-Responsibility:** Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate DEC officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner or his or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

### **C. Payment Schedule**

The Contractor will make payments according to the following schedule unless adjusted by the DEC:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment = 5% of purchase price previously paid as bid deposit.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment = 95% of purchase price within 30 days of the date of the Notice of Approval.

No payment other than the 5% bid deposit will be accepted. Payments shall be in the form of check or money order made payable to the "NYS Department of Environmental Conservation" and submitted to *NYS DEC, Attn: (Region 6 190 Outer Main Street, Suite 103, Potsdam NY 13676)* before the date stipulated in the Payment Schedule.

### **D. Performance Bond**

The executed contract must be accompanied by one of the following:

- a Surety bond
- a Bank/Certified check
- a Certificate of Deposit assigned to the Department of Environmental Conservation
- a Letter of Credit from a Federally chartered or State licensed financial institution

in the amount of 20% of the bid price, for the faithful performance of the sales contract.

### **E. Notarizations**

The following rules apply for any individual designated as "Notary" on all Department contracts:

- Any stockholder, director, officer, or employee of a corporation that is a party to the contract either as an individual OR as representative of the corporation may not take an acknowledgment /notarize.
- If the employee has an ownership interest in the company and a DIRECT monetary interest in the contract (their pay depends upon it and it alone) they may not take the acknowledgement /notarize. **An employee with no ownership interest in the company may notarize contract signatures.**

## **Insurance**

The Contractor shall be required to procure, at their sole cost and expense, and shall maintain in force at all times during the term of any Contract resulting from this solicitation, policies of insurance as required herein. All insurance required herein shall be written by companies that have an A.M. Best Company rating of “A-,” Class “VII” or better. In addition, companies writing insurance intended to comply with the requirements herein should be licensed or authorized by the New York State Department of Financial Services to issue insurance in the State of New York. The Department may, in its sole discretion, accept policies of insurance written by a non-authorized carrier or carriers when certificates and/or other policy documents are accompanied by a completed Excess Lines Association of New York (ELANY) affidavit or other documents demonstrating the company’s strong financial rating. If, during the term of a policy, the carrier’s A.M. Best rating falls below “A-,” Class “VII,” the insurance must be replaced, on or before the renewal date of the policy, with insurance that meets the requirements above.

The Contractor shall furnish to the DEC a certificate or certificates with the appropriate endorsements showing that it has complied with this Article. The insurance documentation shall provide that:

- Liability and protective liability insurance policies shall provide primary and non-contributory coverage to the DEC for any claims arising from the Contractor’s Work under this contract, or as a result of the Contractor’s activities. Insurance policies will not be accepted that:
  - remove or restrict blanket contractual liability located in the “insured contract” definition (as stated in Section V, Number 9, Item f in the ISO CGL policy) so as to limit coverage against claims that arise out of work; or
  - remove or modify the “insured contract” exception to the employer’s liability exclusion; or
  - do not cover the additional insured for claims involving injury to employees of the named insured or subcontractors.
- **The State of New York, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, its officers, agents and employees,** with the address: **“NYS DEC, Regional Address,”** shall be listed as ***Certificate Holder*** on all liability insurance certificate(s), as “Additional Insureds” on endorsement(s), and on additional supporting documentation.
- In the “Description of Operation/Locations...” section, the **Contract Number and Forest (TX13245 Toothaker Creek State Forest (St. Lawrence 16))** **must** be referenced.
- The policies shall include a **Waiver of Subrogation** endorsement in favor of the DEC as an additional insured. The endorsement shall be on ISO Form number CG 24 04 or a similar form with same modification to the policy.

- Policies shall not be changed or canceled until thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the DEC; as evidenced by an endorsement or declarations page.
- Insurance documentation shall disclose any deductible, self-insured retention, aggregate limit or any exclusion to the policy that materially changes the coverage required by the Contract.
- Endorsements in writing must be added to and made part of the insurance contract for the purpose of changing the original terms to reflect the revisions and additions as described. A copy of these endorsements must be provided to the DEC.
- Applicable insurance policy number(s) referenced on the ACORD form must be referenced in the supporting documentation requested by the DEC and supplied by the insurance company (e.g. endorsement page, declarations page, etc.).
- Worker's Compensation and Disability Benefits certificates shall name the ***New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, with the address: NYS DEC, (190 Outer Main Street, Suite 103, Potsdam NY 13676)*** as entity requesting proof of coverage.
- This Contract shall be void and of no effect unless the Contractor procures the required insurance policies and maintains them until acceptance or completion of the work, whichever event is later. If at any time during the term of this contract the coverage provisions and limits of the policies required herein do not meet the provisions and limits set forth in the Contract or proof thereof is not provided to the DEC, the Contractor shall immediately cease Work on the Project. The Contractor shall not resume Work on the Project until authorized to do so by the DEC.
- Should the Contractor engage a subcontractor, the Contractor shall impose the insurance requirements of this document on the subcontractor. Contractor shall determine the required insurance types and limits, commensurate with the work of the Subcontractor. The Contractor will maintain the certificate or certificates and endorsements for all subcontractors hired as part of the Contractor's records.

The following types and amounts of insurance are required for this Contract:

**1. Workers' Compensation:**

For work to be performed in New York State, the Contractor shall provide and maintain full New York State coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Workers' Compensation Law.

Evidence of Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers' Compensation Board:

FORM #	FORM TITLE
C-105.2	Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance (September 2007, or most current version)
U-26.3	State Insurance Fund Version of the C-105.2 form
SI-12/ GSI-105.2	Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption (when Contractor meets the requirements.)

All forms are valid for one year from the date the form is signed/stamped, or until policy expiration, whichever is earlier.

***Please note that ACORD forms are NOT acceptable proof of New York State Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage.***

Additional information can be obtained at the Workers' Compensation website:  
<http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/Employers.jsp>

**2. Disability Benefits:**

For work to be performed in New York State, the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Disability Benefits Law. Any waiver of this requirement must be approved by the DEC and will only be granted in unique or unusual circumstances.

Evidence of Disability Benefits coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers' Compensation Board:

FORM #	FORM TITLE
DB-120.1	Certificate of Insurance Coverage under the New York State Disability Benefits Law
DB-155	Certificate of Disability Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption (when Contractor meets the requirements.)

All forms are valid for one year from the date the form is signed/stamped, or until policy expiration, whichever is earlier.

***Please note that ACORD forms are NOT acceptable proof of New York State Disability Benefits Insurance coverage.***

Additional information can be obtained at the Workers' Compensation website:  
<http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/Employers.jsp>

### **3. Commercial General Liability Insurance:**

Contractor shall provide and maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance (CGL) covering the liability of the Contractor for bodily injury, property damage, and personal/advertising injury arising from all work and operations under this contract.

The limits under such policy shall not be less than the following:

- Each Occurrence limit – \$1,000,000
- General Aggregate – \$2,000,000

Coverage shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- premises liability;
- independent contractors;
- blanket contractual liability, including tort liability of another assumed in a contract;
- defense and/or indemnification obligations, including obligations assumed under this contract
- cross liability for additional insureds;
- products/completed operations for a term of no less than 3 years, commencing upon acceptance of the work, as required by the contract;
- explosion, collapse, and underground hazards;
- contractor means and methods; and
- Liability resulting from Section 240 or Section 241 of the New York State Labor Law.

Limits may be provided through a combination of primary and umbrella/excess liability policies.

For contracts valued at less than \$10,000.00, the Contractor may choose to arrange with the DEC to purchase an insurance permit that covers general liability insurance that meets the Commercial General Liability Insurance requirement. An annual \$5.00 premium shall be required on or before April 1 of each year the contract is in effect.

### **4. Business Automobile Liability:**

Contractor shall provide and maintain Business Automobile Liability insurance covering liability arising out of the use of any registered motor vehicle in connection with the contract, including owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles. Such policy shall have a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of at least \$1,000,000.

If the Contractor does not own, lease or hire any registered motor vehicles or will not be using any vehicles on State Land proof of Business Automobile Liability Insurance shall

not be required for this Contract. However, Contractor is required to execute “*Business Automobile Liability Insurance Attestation.*”

The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability that owners and operators of any registered motor vehicles entering State Land to conduct work under this contract carry the same Business Automobile Liability Insurance of the kinds and amounts listed above. DEC reserves the right to request proof of the same.

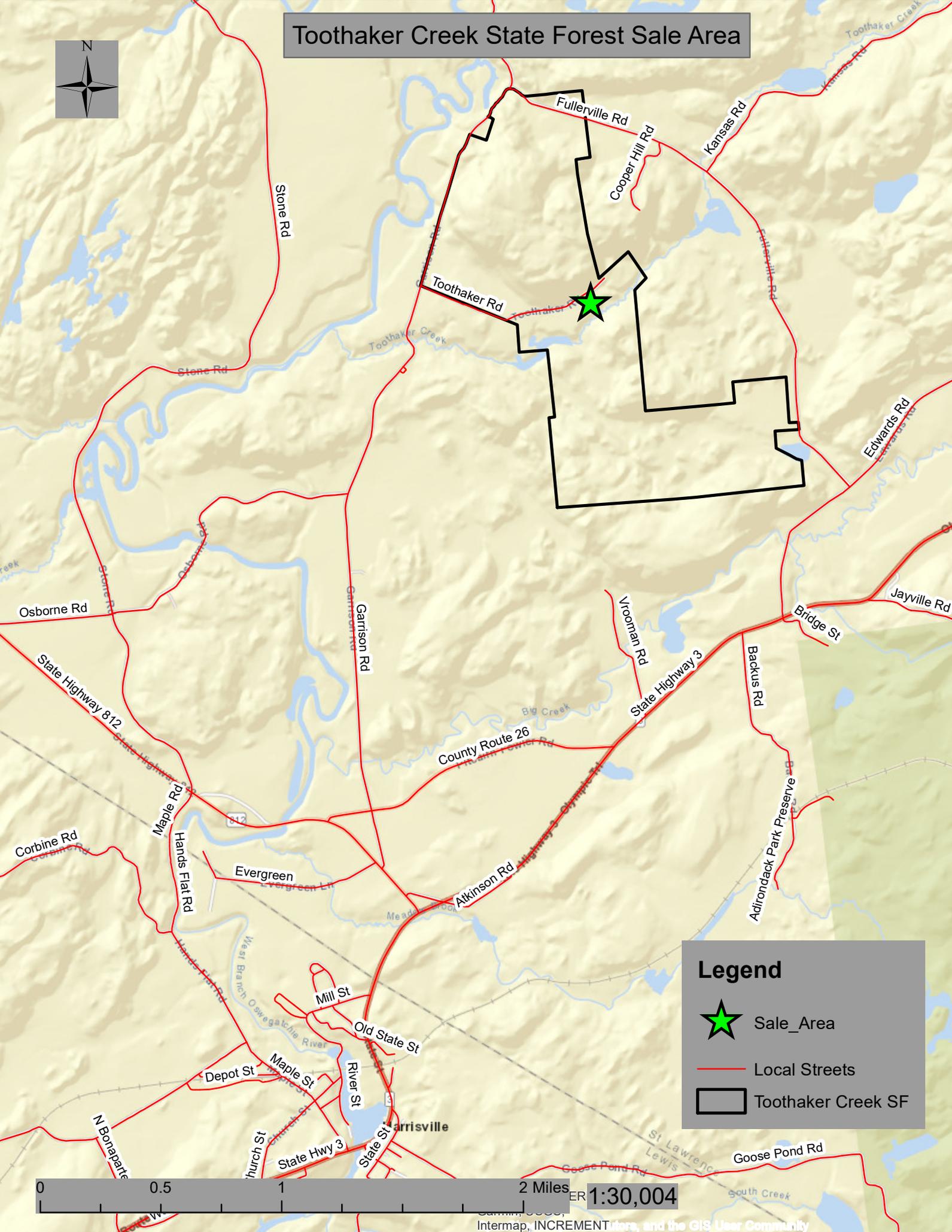
**5. Umbrella and Excess Liability:**

When the limits of the CGL, Auto, and/or Employers’ Liability policies procured are insufficient to meet the limits specified, the Contractor shall procure and maintain Commercial Umbrella and/or Excess Liability policies with limits in excess of the primary; provided, however, that the total amount of insurance coverage is at least equal to the requirements set forth above. Such policies shall follow the same form as the primary.

The Contractor shall require that any subcontractors hired, carry insurance with the same limits and provisions as provided herein.

Basil Seggos  
Commissioner

# Toothaker Creek State Forest Sale Area



**Legend**

-  Sale\_Area
-  Local Streets
-  Toothaker Creek SF





STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
SALE OF FOREST PRODUCTS  
PROPOSAL

I have examined the forest products offered for Public sale by the State of New York located on

and hereby bid the following price in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, Notice of Sale and Contract:

\_\_\_\_\_ dollars and  
\_\_\_\_\_ cents  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Minimum Acceptable Net Bid \$ U.S.)

Enclosed is a 5% bid deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the forest products being offered for sale will be awarded to the highest responsible responsive bidder. If I am the successful bidder, I agree to abide by the terms of the Contract; to execute the Contract within 30 days of the notification of award, to pay the bid price in accordance with the payment schedule as specified in the advertisement, Notice of Sale and Contract, and to remove from State land by June 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 all timber therein designated.

**\*\* ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN INK AND CLEARLY WRITTEN\*\***

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The attached "Bidder's/Proposer's Certification" form must be completed, signed, and returned along with your Bid Proposal. Failure to include this form will result in disapproval of the bid.

**CERTIFICATION**

If you, or your firm, have been certified for and principles of the Forest Stewardship Council or the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Please enter your certificate number here.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Certification No.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Business Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
If you use a DBA, please list DBA here  
\_\_\_\_\_  
By  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Company / Owner Federal Identification No.  
Social Security Numbers should be used only if you  
do not have a Federal Identification Number

\* **PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE**

**Contract #:** TX13245

**Sexual Harassment Prevention Certification Form**

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two hundred one-g of the labor law.

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name and Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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If the above certification cannot be made, the bidder must submit a signed statement below detailing the reasons why the certification cannot be made.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name and Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **Certification Under Executive Order No. 16 Prohibiting State Agencies and Authorities from Contracting with Businesses Conducting Business in Russia**

Executive Order No. 16 provides that “all Affected State Entities are directed to refrain from entering into any new contract or renewing any existing contract with an entity conducting business operations in Russia.” The complete text of Executive Order No. 16 can be found [here](#).

The Executive Order remains in effect while sanctions imposed by the federal government are in effect. Accordingly, vendors who may be excluded from award because of current business operations in Russia are nevertheless encouraged to respond to solicitations to preserve their contracting opportunities in case the sanctions are lifted during a solicitation or even after award in the case of some solicitations.

As defined in Executive Order No. 16, an “entity conducting business operations in Russia” means an institution or company, wherever located, conducting any commercial activity in Russia or transacting business with the Russian Government or with commercial entities headquartered in Russia or with their principal place of business in Russia in the form of contracting, sales, purchasing, investment, or any business partnership.

Is Vendor an entity conducting business operations in Russia, as defined above? Please answer by checking one of the following boxes:

1. No, Vendor does not conduct business operations in Russia within the meaning of Executive Order No. 16.
  
- 2.a. Yes, Vendor conducts business operations in Russia within the meaning of Executive Order No. 16 but has taken steps to wind down business operations in Russia or is in the process of winding down business operations in Russia. (Please provide a detailed description of the wind down process and a schedule for completion.)
  
- 2.b. Yes, Vendor conducts business operations in Russia within the meaning of Executive Order No. 16 but only to the extent necessary to provide vital health and safety services within Russia or to comply with federal law, regulations, executive orders, or directives. (Please provide a detailed description of the services being provided or the relevant laws, regulations, etc.)
  
3. Yes, Vendor conducts business operations in Russia within the meaning of Executive Order No. 16.

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that they are knowledgeable about the Vendor’s business and operations and that the answer provided herein is true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(legal entity)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIDDER'S/PROPOSER'S CERTIFICATION**

NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING

AND

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES

AND

STATE ETHICS LAW PROVISION

AND

PROCUREMENT LOBBYING LAW

**BY SUBMISSION OF THIS BID/PROPOSAL AND BY SIGNING HEREUNDER THE BIDDER/PROPOSER, AND EACH PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF SUCH PARTY CERTIFIES, AND IN THE CASE OF A JOINT BID/PROPOSAL, EACH PARTY THERETO CERTIFIES AS TO ITS OWN ORGANIZATION, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF:**

**A. NON-COLLUSION State Finance Law §139-d**

1. The prices in this bid/proposal have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder/proposer or with any competitor;

2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid/proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder/proposer and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder/proposer prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder/proposer or to any competitor; and

3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder/proposer to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid/proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

**B. MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES State Finance Law §165(5)**

1. it or any individual or legal entity in which the bidder/proposer holds a 10% or greater ownership interest, or any individual or legal entity that holds a 10% or greater ownership in the bidder/proposer, either: (answer yes or no to one or both of the following, as applicable).

2. has business operations in Northern Ireland;

No Yes (check answer) **IF YES, COMPLETE #3**

3. shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations that it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles relating to nondiscrimination in employment and freedom of workplace opportunity regarding such operations in Northern Ireland, and shall permit independent monitoring of their compliance with such Principles.

No Yes (check answer)

**C. STATE ETHICS LAW PROVISION**

By submittal of this bid/proposal, the undersigned hereby certifies, for and on behalf of the bidder/proposer, that he is familiar with the following provisions of the State Ethics Law provisions applicable to post employment restrictions affecting former state employees: POL §73(8)(a)(i) the two year bar, and §73(8)(a)(ii), the life-time bar, and that submittal of this bid/proposal is not in violation of either provision, and that no violation will occur by entering into a contract or in performance of the contractual services, and further that the bidder/proposer recognizes that the Department may rely upon this certification

Except as follows: (attach information if needed)

(Bidder/Proposer is to make full disclosure of any circumstances which could affect its ability to perform in complete compliance with the cited laws. Any questions as to the applicability of these provisions should be addressed to the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics, 540 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. Telephone Number: 518-408-3976.

**D. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING AFFIRMATION**

The Undersigned affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation relative to permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b).

Date:

Print Name and Title:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_