

Public Notice

Commercial Timber Permits for Sale by Sealed Tender

Location and Time of Public Opening

The public opening of sealed tenders for 4 coniferous commercial timber permits and 2 deciduous timber permits will be held for properly registered applicants on **October 15, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in boardroom 1401 in the Alberta Infrastructure Building (Neil Crawford Centre), 6950-113 St. Edmonton, Alberta** or by using a “Cisco WebEx Meeting”. Permit maps and details regarding the available timber are available at any Agriculture and Forestry (AF) office or online at <https://www.alberta.ca/commercial-timber-permits-for-sale-by-sealed-tender.aspx>.



Permits for Sale

Permit layout will be the responsibility of the successful bidder. Layout is to be completed by a regulated member as defined in the [Regulated Forestry Profession Act](#).

Disposition Number	Condition	Conifer Volume (m3)	Decid Volume (m3)	Disposition Area (ha)	Block Area (ha)	Minim Bid (\$/m3)	Bid Deposit	Security Deposit	Planning Costs (GST Included)	Incidental Charges (GST Included)	Conifer Reforest Levy (\$/m3)	Decid Reforest Levy (\$/m3)
CTPG160045	GR	2,577	342	32.40	14.90	\$5.46	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 16,672.51	\$ -	\$ 61.01	\$ 12.58	\$0.00
CTPG160046	GR	2,041	271	47.40	11.80	\$5.46	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 13,204.82	\$ -	\$ 64.94	\$ 12.58	\$0.00
CTPG160047	GR	519	69	23.40	3.00	\$5.46	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,063.88	\$ -	\$ 58.64	\$ 12.58	\$0.00
CTPS160059	GR	4754	4087	130.00	41.70	\$5.46	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 31,706.80	\$ -	\$ 86.63	\$ 12.58	\$0.00
DTPL510249	GR	400	6134	259.00	40.89	\$0.39	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,710.11	\$ -	\$ 79.69	\$ 12.58	1.08
DTPL510250	GR	400	6,582	259.00	43.88	\$0.39	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,008.03	\$ -	\$ 79.69	\$ 12.58	1.08

**No warranty is implied or given as to the quality or quantity of the timber.
All sales are final.**
These permits expire on April 30, 2021 unless otherwise noted in their operating conditions.

General Information

Bidders should consult the [Forests Act](#) (the “Act”) and the [Timber Management Regulation](#) (the “Regulation”) prior to submitting a tender to ensure they understand their obligations and rights.

Pre-Registration for Interested Bidders

All bidders wishing to participate in this sale must complete an Eligibility Application form available at any [AF office](#) or [online](#) showing that they meet the eligibility requirements listed below. Completed Eligibility Applications are to be faxed or delivered to any AF office on or before **4:30 p.m. on October 2, 2020**. Registered bidders will be added to the bidders list for this sale. Only registered bidders will be allowed to submit tenders on this sale. Ineligible applicants will be notified of their status prior to the sale.

Eligibility Requirements

Bidders may be either individual persons or corporate bodies.

- A bidder who is an individual must:
 - Be at least 18 years of age;
 - Have resided in Alberta at least 6 months preceding this tender;
 - Not be in default under the *Forests Act* or any regulations under this Act (this includes being current on any debt or liability to the Crown in right of Alberta and to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta).
- A bidder that is a corporate body must be in good standing with Alberta Corporate Registry and not in default of the Act or any regulations under this Act (this includes being current on any debt or liability to the Crown in right of Alberta and to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta).

Sales Conditions – General

- All successful bidders, where required, must pay the incidental/planning charges (described below) by **4:30 p.m. on October 23, 2020**. The incidental/planning charges must be paid separately from the security deposit and will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- A bid less than the minimum bid indicated in the table on the first page of this Notice will not be eligible and will be rejected.
- The Ministry may at its discretion and as sole judge for the purpose, at any time, without obligation to any bidders or other person, waive any irregularity or non-compliance with the Public Notice as in the opinion of the Ministry, provided however, that the Ministry shall have no obligation to any bidder or other person to waive any irregularity or non-compliance with the Public Notice at any time. Under no circumstances will the Ministry accept an Eligibility Application, tender or Security Deposit submitted outside the deadlines described in this notice.

Sales Procedures

In order to qualify:

By Mail or Courier Delivery

Sealed tender packages must be received by **4:30 p.m., Monday October 12, 2020. Please allow sufficient time for mailing; late tender packages will not be considered for any reason.**

Mail to: Lori Vance CTP Provincial Sale P.O. Box 749 Manning, Alberta T0H 2M0	Courier to: Lori Vance CTP Provincial Sale Manning Forestry Office #400, 2 nd Street S.W. Manning, Alberta T0H 2M0 Ph. (780) 836-7316
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Hand Delivered

The day of the Sale October 15, 2020, sealed tender packages must be submitted/delivered between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to:

Lori Vance

CTP Provincial Sale

Boardroom 1401, Alberta Infrastructure Building (Neil Crawford Centre)

6950-113 Street NW,

Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6

Completed tenders are to be submitted in separate sealed envelopes clearly marked with the disposition number on the front (i.e. CTPG160045). The “Sealed Tender” must include:

- A Bid Deposit in the amount of \$2,000.
- The properly completed bid form (only one form per envelope), and;
- The duly signed Certificate of Independent Bid Determination. This form is available at local [AF offices](#), as well as online at: <https://www.alberta.ca/forestry.aspx> (Timber Permits – Commercial). If you are bidding on more than one permit, only one Certificate of Independent Bid Determination is required.
- The sealed tender shall be completed in total showing an “initial” and a “secondary” bid. The “secondary” bid will apply only in the event of a tie between two or more highest “initial” bids for a specific permit. If a tie results on the “secondary” bid, the Minister will make the final decision as to the awarding of the permit. The successful bidder will be selected from the tied bidders by drawing a name.
- Qualified sealed tenders will be opened and the permit(s) awarded starting at 10:30 on October 15, 2020. Any interested parties may attend the bid opening in persons or by WebEx meeting. Only one bid will be accepted per eligible bidder per permit available.
- If you are interested in attending the bid opening in person, please send an email to lori.vance@gov.ab.ca by October 8, 2020 to be added to the attendee list. There will be a limit of 20 people allowed into the boardroom. A confirmation email will be sent to the first 20 people to request a spot that will include building entry details and covid instructions for attending the bid opening.
- If you are interested in viewing the bid opening via WebEx or conference call, please send an email to lori.vance@gov.ab.ca by October 8, 2020 to be added to the attendee list. A meeting request email will be sent out that will include details and instructions for viewing the bid opening Client must have Chrome or Fire Fox as your internet browser. Test run for client to troubleshoot WebEx set-up will be held on October 9, 2020.

- The Bid Deposit of the successful bidder will be held until the Security Deposit is in place. All requirements must be met by 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2020 or the successful bidder will forfeit the Bid Deposit, incidental charges, and all rights to the permit.
- If a successful bidder subsequently defaults on the purchase of a permit, the Minister may sell the permit to the next highest eligible bidder for that permit at the next highest bid rate, resell the permit, or cancel the sale on this permit.
- The Minister may, at his discretion, and as sole judge for the purpose make a final decision in respect to any conflict or dispute arising out of any sale.
- The Minister will accept the highest eligible bid.
- The officer in charge of the sale has the right to stop the sale at any time, if in his/her opinion; the proceedings are contrary to good order. Once the public opening has been stopped, the officer in charge may recommence, discontinue and/or reschedule the public opening.
- The bid amount will be the sole determinant of the timber dues to be paid and will be fixed for the term of the permit. The bid does not include the applicable reforestation levies, incidental charges or GST, which must be paid by the successful bidder
- The successful bidder may be required to maintain and submit information on the costs of logging, and hauling, including costs of preparing operating plans, preparing road access, and scaling costs.

Permit Renewal

Requests for harvesting extensions will only be considered under extenuating circumstances.

Crown Charges, Deposits and Data Submission

Timber Dues

Coniferous Timber Permits

The rate of coniferous timber dues will be the accepted bid per m³. Timber dues for the deciduous species harvested from these permits will be assessed at the Base Rate, as defined in the Timber Management Regulation. Exceptions to the Schedule Rate of Dues are not available for permits sold during this sale or other competitive sales. All timber from these permits are required to be weighed and sample scaled. Timber dues will be assessed based on volumes of timber measured.

Deciduous Timber Permits

The rate of deciduous timber dues will be the accepted bid per m³. Timber dues for the coniferous species harvested from these permits will be assessed at the Base Rate, as defined in the Timber Management Regulation. Exceptions to the Schedule Rate of Dues are not available for permits sold during this sale or other competitive sales. All timber from these permits will be required to be weighed and sample scaled. Timber dues will be assessed based on volumes of timber measured.

Reforestation Obligations

All successful bidders on these permits will be required to pay the reforestation levies to the **Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA)** unless otherwise noted in this notice.

Coniferous Timber Permits

The reforestation levy payable for coniferous timber harvested is based upon permit location within the province. Reforestation charges are to be paid directly to FRIAA. The obligation to pay reforestation levies is over and above the amount tendered in the bid.

Deciduous Timber Permits

The reforestation levy payable for both deciduous and coniferous timber harvested is based upon permit location within the province. Reforestation charges are to be paid directly to FRIAA. The obligation to pay reforestation levies is over and above the amount tendered in the bid.

Incidental Charges

The successful bidder will be liable to pay the following incidental charges:

- Issuance fee;
- 110 per cent of the advertising costs;
- Holding and protection charges as described in the Timber Management Regulation.
- Mapping charges

Incidental Charges to be paid to the Crown may only be in the form of:

- Cash, or
- Cheque in favour of the Government of Alberta.

Planning Charges

The successful bidder will be liable to pay any planning charges directly to the indicated company

- Planning Cost (includes all costs associated with stand volume determination, harvest planning and cutblock layout.)
- Resource Assessment

Form of Deposit

Bid deposits must be in the form of:

- Cash, or
- Cheque in favour of the Government of Alberta.

Security deposits must be in the form of:

- Cash,
- Cheque in favour of the Government of Alberta, or
- Irrevocable letter of credit submitted in accordance with all of the requirements of the Government of Alberta, or term savings certificates issued by a financial institution acceptable to the Government of Alberta.

Removal of Sales Conditions

The successful bidder's Bid Deposit will be held until the Security Deposit is in place and the requirements of this sale have been met. The Bid Deposit may be used, in whole or in part, toward the Security Deposit. Refund of the portion of the bid deposit not used as part of the security deposit may take three-to-six weeks. **The Security Deposit must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2020.**

Data Submission

The disposition holder must submit records as described in the [Timber Management Regulation](#) and the [Scaling Regulation](#). These permits contain additional data submission requirements, over and above those in the Timber Management Regulation.

The disposition holder must provide the Crown with the total volume harvested on a cutblock by cutblock basis as determined by weigh scaling or other approved method of volume determination.

In addition, the disposition holder may be required to provide the following cost and revenue information:

- Total costs for each cutblock (including access development, logging and harvesting costs);
- Administration costs including costs of preparing operating plans, scaling costs, and other mandated costs.
- If the successful bidder does not directly manufacture this timber at a mill owned and operated by the bidder, the bidder will also be required to report the gross and net revenues received from the sale of the logs, and
- Hauling costs and cycle time (i.e. time to transport logs to processing facility from the point of harvest and return to the harvest site).

Refund of Deposits

Bid Deposits in the form of cheques will be returned the day of the sale to unsuccessful bidders following the sale. Cash deposits will be required to be deposited in the bank and applicants will have to wait three to six weeks to get their deposit refunded. Security Deposits will be refunded to the successful bidder when all permit obligations are fulfilled.

Operating Conditions

Schedule A

Standard Operating Conditions

1. This disposition is subject to and the disposition holder shall comply with, all the provisions and requirements of the document entitled "Applicable Ground Rules" as amended or replaced from time to time and which is an integral part of this disposition.
2. Felling, skidding, removal of timber and any necessary site restoration must be completed by the expiry date.
3. This disposition does not convey ownership of the timber until such time as the timber has been cut for use by the timber disposition holder. Where any inconvenience resulting from the activity of a holder of a land disposition occurs, the timber disposition holder has the right to claim for compensation limited to areas containing the kind, size and species of timber authorized for removal by this disposition.

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5. The disposition holder shall comply with all the provisions and the requirements of;
 - the *Forests Act*, and as amended from time to time,
 - any Act of the Legislature of the Province of Alberta in force, or enacted hereafter from time to time, and as amended for time to time, and
 - any Regulation inclusive of any amendments or substitutions in force from time to time under any of the Acts referred to in clauses (a) and (b) that apply to the disposition holder or to this disposition either specifically or generally by express wording or by implication.

The Minister may, by notice in writing to the disposition holder, require the disposition holder to provide the Minister, within the time specified in the notice, an audited statement disclosing the information related to the disposition holder's forestry operation that the notice specifies, including, without limitation, information respecting production and sales of primary timber products and reporting of timber dues and levies.

Notwithstanding any approvals issued by the provincial government (e.g. licenses, authorizations, etc.) issued under Alberta legislation (i.e. *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, *Forests Act* or *Public Lands Act*, the successful bidder must also comply with all federal legislation and requirements, including:

1. The Fisheries Act (Canada):
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Habitat Management Program, Prairies Area
1028 Parsons Road, Edmonton, Alberta T6X 0J4
Phone: 780-495-4220
2. The Navigable Waters Protection Act
Transport Canada, Prairie and Northern Region
Regional Manager, Navigable Waters Protection Program
Canada Place, 1100-9700 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5J 4E6
Phone: 780-495-8215