

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management
THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources
DATE: September 30, 2020
RE: Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc. for the Ellaville #20 Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc., for the Ellaville #20 Timber Sale.

BACKGROUND

On September 3, 2020, the District issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB 19/20-032 WLR) for timber located on the Ellaville Tract in Madison County. The timber sale is a 276-acre harvest of 47 to 49-year old planted slash pines in two areas. Sale Area 1 is an 84-acre final harvest to remove the declining offsite planted pines. It will also allow for the reforestation with pines that are appropriate for the site's historic natural community. Sale Area 2 is a 192 acre marked thinning to reduce the number of diseased or suppressed trees and to allow the highest quality trees to continue growing. Reduction of pine density will improve ecological conditions and wildlife habitats by allowing more sunlight penetration to the forest floor, enhancing the production of ground cover.

Bid responses were received on September 24, 2020. Bids were received from 12 companies as indicated below. The bid calculation revenue is based on the District estimated volumes of pine pulpwood, pine chip-n-saw, pine sawtimber, pine topwood, and hardwood pulpwood.

Bidder	City	Bid Calculation Revenue
H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc.	Perry, Florida	\$355,777.26
Resolute Cross City Timber Management, LLC	Cross City, Florida	\$327,242.60
Big Bend Timber Services	Monticello, Florida	\$339,087.00
North Florida Timber Dealers	Lake City, Florida	\$335,452.90
Flatwoods Forest Products Inc.	Lake Park, Georgia	\$324,772.50
Genesis Timber	Madison, Florida	\$325,087.90
Long Branch Land and Timber	Lake Park, Georgia	\$317,492.50
Greenwood Resources Inc.	Cross City, Florida	\$346,750.80
Balfour Timber Company	Thomsville, Georgia	\$312,436.72
John A. Cruse Jr. Inc.	Perry, Florida	\$314,174.70
Williams Timber Inc.	Perry, Florida	\$333,938.60
Southland Forest Products	Valdosta, Georgia	\$301,895.00
Great South Timber and Lumber, LLC	Lake City, Florida	\$318,690.16