

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 Superior Timber and Land Management, LLC for Forest Inventory Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with, Superior Timber and Land Management, LLC to initiate cruising on approximately 15,400 acres of District-owned forestlands for a total amount not to exceed \$65,513.75.

**BACKGROUND**

The District owns and manages approximately 160,000 acres of forestland in north-central Florida for protection of floodplains and their associated habitats. The goal of timber management is to use sound silvicultural practices to maintain healthy forests while working toward or maintaining the desired future conditions for a stand's natural community type. From a timber management standpoint, accurate timber data is vital to the management planning process and is obtained through stand mapping and forest inventory.

The purpose of this forest inventory project is to update the current data repository to support growth and yield modeling on operational timber stands, computation of an ideal annual allowable harvest, additional inventory design, and forest management planning.

Invitation to Bid 19/20-034 WLR for Baseline Forest Inventory Services was released on September 14, 2020. Four bids were received on September 24, 2020 as indicated below. The ITB included a scope of work detailing the District's inventory standards and specifications for each data collection parameter and plot locations on each stand identified for inventory updates.

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Bid Calculation Revenue</b>
Superior Timber and Land Management, LLC	Lake City, Florida	\$65,513.75
Plantation Timber, LLC	Monticello, Florida	\$65,791.22
Flatwoods Forestry, Inc.	Lake City, Florida	\$66,068.69
The Forestry Company	Perry, Florida	\$97,885.25

Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget under code 13-2-586-3-3100-07-02.

RS/pf