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RFB #032-17

University of Maine School of Forest Resources
Pulpwood & Raw Logs Transportation Services

Response Deadline Date/Time: September 21, 2016, 2:00 PM
EST

Response Submission Information:

University of Maine System
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SECTION 1

1.0 General Information

1.1 Purpose

The University of Maine Department of Forest Resources is seeking responses to provide pulpwood and raw logs transportation services as defined in this document. This document provides instructions for submitting responses, the procedure and criteria by which the Provider(s) will be selected, and the contractual terms which will govern the relationship between the University and the awarded Bidder(s).

As one of the oldest and most respected forest resource programs in the country, the faculty and students of the School of Forest Resources are at the forefront of innovative education and research in managing forests, protecting landscapes, and meeting society's ever-growing and diverse needs from the forest.

Bidders should review Section 2 of this document to see the full Scope of Services/Products required.

Though this document is primarily for University of Maine, all campuses in the University of Maine System must be afforded the use of this solution, with all the same terms and conditions applicable to the various University locations.

1.2 Definition of Parties

The University of Maine System will hereinafter be referred to as the "University." Respondents to the document shall be referred to as "Bidder(s)" or "bidder(s)". The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall be referred to as the "Contractor."

1.3 Eligibility to Submit Responses

1.3.1 Public entities, private for-profit companies, and non-profit companies and institutions are invited to submit a response to this document.

1.4 Evaluation Criteria

Award will be made to the low bidder provided that all other requirements are satisfactorily met, as outlined in **Section 2** Scope of Work and **Sections 4 – 8** of this document.

No Best and Final Offers: The University will not seek a best and final offer (BAFO) from any Bidder in this procurement process. All Bidders are expected to provide their best value pricing with the submission of their proposal.

1.5 Timeline of Key Events

Reference Section	Event Name	Event Due Date and Time
Section 1, 1.6	Deadline for Written Communication	September 14, 2016 End of Business
Section 1, 1.6	Response to Written Communication	September 16, 2016 End of Business
Section 1, 1.15	Deadline for Bid Submission	September 21, 2016 2:00 PM EST
	Award Announcement (subject to change)	September 26, 2016
	Estimated Contract Start Date (subject to change)	October 1, 2016

1.6 Communication with the University

It is the responsibility of the bidder to inquire about any requirement of this document that is not understood. Responses to inquiries, if they change or clarify the document in a substantial manner, will be forwarded by addenda to all parties that have received a copy of the document. Addenda will also be posted on our web site, www.maine.edu/strategic/upcoming_bids.php

It is the responsibility of all bidders to check the web site before submitting a response to ensure that they have all pertinent documents. The University will not be bound by oral responses to inquiries or written responses other than addenda.

Inquiries must be made using the **Response Contact Information** provided on the cover sheet of this document. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in disqualification from further consideration.

Refer to table in **Section 1, 1.5 Timeline of Key Events** for deadline requirements.

1.7 Award

Presentations may be requested of two or more bidders deemed by the University to be the best suited among those submitting responses on the basis of the selection criteria. After presentations have been conducted, the University may select the bidder(s) which, in its opinion, has made the response that is the most responsive and most responsible and may award the Contract to that/those bidder(s). While the University prefers a single solution that is scalable to meet the needs of both large and small institutions, it reserves the right to award contract(s) to one or multiple vendors, which may include awards to bidders for a geographical area, if such award is in the best interest of the University.

The University reserves the right to waive minor irregularities, which may include contacting the Bidder to resolve the irregularity. Scholarships, donations, or gifts to the University, will not be considered in the evaluation of responses. The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses, in whole or in part, and is not necessarily bound to accept the lowest cost response if that response is contrary to the best interests of the University. The University may cancel this request or reject any or all responses in whole or in part. Should the University determine in its sole discretion that only one bidder is fully qualified, or that one

bidder is clearly more qualified than any other under consideration, a contract may be awarded to that bidder without further action.

1.8 Award Protest

Bidders may appeal the award decision by submitting a written protest to the University of Maine System's Chief Procurement Officer within five (5) business days of the date of the award notice, with a copy of the protest to the successful bidder. The protest must contain a statement of the basis for the challenge.

1.9 Confidentiality

The information contained in responses submitted for the University's consideration will be held in confidence until all evaluations are concluded and a vendor selected (the successful bidder). At that time the University will issue an award notice letters to all participating bidders and the successful bidder's response may be made available to participating bidders upon request. After the protest period has passed and the contract is fully executed, the winning response will be available for public inspection. Pricing and other information that is an integral part of the offer cannot be considered confidential after an award has been made. The University will honor requests for confidentiality for information of a proprietary nature to the extent allowed by law. Clearly mark any information considered confidential.

The University must adhere to the provisions of the Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA), 1 MRSA §401 et seq. As a condition of accepting a contract under this section, a contractor must accept that, to the extent required by the Maine FOAA, responses to this solicitation, and any ensuing contractual documents, are considered public records and therefore are subject to freedom of access requests.

1.10 Costs of Preparation

Bidder assumes all costs of preparation of the response and any presentations necessary to the response process.

1.11 Debarment

Submission of a signed response in response to this solicitation is certification that your firm (or any subcontractor) is not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any State or Federal department or agency. Submission is also agreement that the University will be notified of any change in this status.

1.12 Response Understanding

By submitting a response, the bidder agrees and assures that the specifications are adequate, and the bidder accepts the terms and conditions herein. Any exceptions should be noted in your response.

1.13 Response Validity

Unless specified otherwise, all responses shall be valid for ninety (90) days from the due date of the response.

1.14 Non-Responsive Responses

The University will not consider non-responsive responses, i.e., those with material deficiencies, omissions, errors or inconsistencies.

1.15 Response Submission

A **SIGNED** original and one virus-free electronic copy (thumb drive) must be made using the **Response Submission Information** provided on the cover sheet of this document.

The response must be provided in a sealed envelope by the **Response Deadline Date/Time** provided on the cover sheet of this document. Response provided will be date stamped by the Office of Strategic Procurement in order to be considered. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FAXED OR E-MAIL RESPONSES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The envelope must be **clearly** identified on the outside as follows:

Name of Bidder
Address of Bidder
September 21, 2016 2:00 PM EST
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1.16 Authorization

Any contract or agreement for services that will, or may, result in the expenditure by the University of \$50,000 or more must be approved in writing by the Office of Strategic Procurement, Chief Procurement Officer and it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted.

1.17 Multi-Institutional

The University of Maine System, Office of Strategic Procurement reserves the right to authorize other University Institutions to use the contract(s) resulting from this document, if it is deemed to be beneficial for the University to do so.

SECTION 2

2.0 Scope of Work

The Contractor shall, throughout the year, transport pulpwood and raw logs from the University's local forest locations to mills, rail sidings and concentration yards. The University will determine which mill loads are to be transported to and provide load tickets based on contracts between the University and mills throughout the State of Maine.

Annual Estimated Volumes are:

- 150 M.B.F. of Saw Logs
- 400 Cord of equivalents of round pulpwood

All pulpwood and raw logs are cut mill specifications and hauled by the University's skidder to a loading area.

The contract is for a Contractor with a straight frame tri-axle truck with self-loader. The majority of the University's road network has been in place for over fifty (50) years. The road widths are narrow in places, curves that are too sharp for long trucks, and junctions of the University's woods roads to public roads are at a 90 degree turn that makes the use of eighteen (18) wheeler type trucks not possible. The University cannot justify the significant expenses required to widen, resurface, reroute and reconstruct the University's roads to accommodate trucks larger than a straight frame tri-axle truck.

Contractor shall also be required to provide services, including but not limited to, hauling culverts, barriers, and boulders for the University's purpose of maintaining and / or opening / closing of wood roads. Contractor shall also provide culvert clearing services.

Contractor is required to haul wood within three (3) business days of being notified wood is ready for transport.

SECTION 3

3.0 General Terms and Conditions

3.1 Contract Administration

The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer or its designee shall be the University's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the administration of this Contract.

3.2 Contract Documents

The Contract entered into by the parties shall consist of the University of Maine System Contract for Services (attached to this document), the RFB, the selected Bidder's response, including all appendices or attachments, the specifications including all modifications thereof, and a purchase order or letter of agreement requiring signatures of the University and the Contractor, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the Contract Documents.

3.3 Contract Modification and Amendment

The parties may adjust the specific terms of this Contract (except for pricing) where circumstances beyond the control of either party require modification or amendment. Any modification or amendment proposed by the Contractor must be in writing to the Contract Administrator. Any agreed upon modification or amendment must be in writing and signed by both parties.

3.4 Contract Term

The Contract term shall be for a period of **one (1) year** commencing upon the completion of implementation and acceptance by the University. With mutual written agreement of the parties this Contract may be extended for **four (4) additional one (1) periods**. The University will consider other contract terms at its discretion if proposed and in the best interest of the University.

3.5 Contract Quantities

The quantities shown on the cost response form are approximate only. The contractor shall cover the actual needs of the University throughout the term of the contract regardless of whether they are more or less than the quantities shown.

3.6 Contract Data

The Contractor is required to provide the University with detailed data concerning the Contract at the completion of each contract year or at the request of the University at other times. The University reserves the right to audit the Contractor's records to verify the data.

3.7 Contract Validity

In the event one or more clauses of the Contract are declared invalid, void, unenforceable or illegal, that shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Contract.

3.8 Non-Waiver of Defaults

Any failure of the University to enforce or require the strict keeping and performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of such terms, conditions, or rights.

3.9 Cancellation/Termination

If the Contractor defaults in its agreement to provide personnel or equipment to the University's satisfaction, places University students or employees at significant risk of harm, or in any other way fails to provide service in accordance with the contract terms, the University shall promptly notify the Contractor of such default and if adequate correction is not made within seventy-two (72) hours the University may take whatever action it deems necessary to provide alternate services and may, at its option, immediately cancel this Contract with written notice. Cancellation does not release the Contractor from its obligation to provide goods or services per the terms of the Contract during the notification period.

3.10 Employees

The Contractor shall employ only competent and satisfactory personnel and shall provide a sufficient number of employees to perform the required services efficiently and in a manner satisfactory to the University. If the Contract Administrator or designee, notifies the Contractor in writing that any person employed on this Contract is incompetent, disorderly, or otherwise unsatisfactory, such person shall not again be employed in the execution of this Contract without the prior written consent of the Contract Administrator.

3.11 Clarification of Responsibilities

If the Contractor needs clarification of or deviation from the terms of the Contract, it is the Contractor's responsibility to obtain written clarification or approval from the Contract Administrator.

3.12 Litigation

This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine without reference to its conflicts of laws principles. The Contractor agrees that any litigation, action or proceeding arising out of this Contract, shall be instituted in a state court located in the State of Maine.

3.13 Assignment

Neither party of the Contract shall assign the Contract without the prior written consent of the other, nor shall the Contractor assign any money due or to become due without the prior written consent of the University.

3.14 Equal Opportunity

In the execution of the Contract, the Contractor and all subcontractors agree, consistent with University policy, not to discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, including transgender status or gender expression, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran's status and to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified

individuals with disabilities upon request. The University encourages the employment of individuals with disabilities.

3.15 Independent Contractor

Whether the Contractor is a corporation, partnership, other legal entity, or an individual, the Contractor is an independent contractor. If the Contractor is an individual, the Contractor's duties will be performed with the understanding that the Contractor is a self-employed person, has special expertise as to the services which the Contractor is to perform and is customarily engaged in the independent performance of the same or similar services for others. The manner in which the services are performed shall be controlled by the Contractor; however, the nature of the services and the results to be achieved shall be specified by the University. The Contractor is not to be deemed an employee or agent of the University and has no authority to make any binding commitments or obligations on behalf of the University except as expressly provided herein. The University has prepared specific guidelines to be used for contractual agreements with individuals (not corporations or partnerships) who are not considered employees of the University.

3.16 Gramm Leach Bliley (GLB) Act (Confidentiality of Information)

The Contractor shall comply with all aspects of the GLB Act regarding safeguarding confidential information.

3.17 Payments

Payment will be upon submittal of an invoice to the address shown on the purchase order by the Contractor on a Net 30 basis unless discount terms are offered. Invoices must include a purchase order number. The University is using several, preferred methods of payment: Bank of America's ePayables and PayMode electronic payment systems. Please indicate your ability to accept payment via any or all of these methods.

3.18 Indemnification

The Contractor agrees to be responsible for, and to protect, save harmless, and indemnify the University and its employees from and against all loss, damage, cost and expense (including attorney's fees) suffered or sustained by the University or for which the University may be held or become liable by reason of injury (including death) to persons or property or other causes whatsoever, in connection with the operations of the Contractor or any subcontractor under this agreement.

3.19 Contractor's Liability Insurance

During the term of this agreement, the Contractor shall maintain the following insurance:

<u>Insurance Type</u>	<u>Coverage Limit</u>
1. Commercial General Liability (Written on an Occurrence-based form)	\$2,000,000 per occurrence or more (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)
2. Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more

(Including Hired & Non-Owned)
3. Workers Compensation

(Bodily Injury and Property Damage)
Required for all personnel
(In Compliance with State Law)

The **University of Maine System** shall be named as Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability insurance and as additional insured and certificate holder.

Certificates shall be filed prior to the date of performance under this Agreement. Said certificates, in addition to proof of coverage, shall contain the standard statement pertaining to written notification in the event of cancellation, with a thirty (30) day notification period.

Certificates of Insurance for all of the above insurance shall be filed with:

**University of Maine System
Risk Manager
16 Central Street
Bangor, Maine 04401**

3.20 Sexual Harassment

The University is committed to providing a positive environment for all students and staff. Sexual harassment, whether intentional or not, undermines the quality of this educational and working climate. The University thus has a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that all students and employees can learn and work in an environment free of sexual harassment. Consistent with the state and federal law, this right to freedom from sexual harassment was defined as University policy by the Board of Trustees. Failure to comply with this policy could result in termination of this Contract without advanced notice.

3.21 Smoking Policy

The University must comply with the "Workplace Smoking Act of 1985" and M.R.S.A. title 22, § 1541 et seq "Smoking Prohibited in Public Places." In compliance with this law, the University has prohibited smoking in all University System buildings except in designated smoking areas. This rule must also apply to all contractors and workers in existing University System buildings. The Contractor shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this requirement within existing buildings.

The University of Southern Maine is a tobacco-free campus. This policy applies to faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors and visitors. The use of tobacco and all smoking products is not permitted on any university-owned property, which includes but is not limited to, buildings, university grounds, parking areas, campus walkways, recreational and sporting facilities, and university or personally-owned, rented or leased vehicles.

Tobacco use by definition includes the possession of any lighted tobacco products, or the use of any type of smokeless tobacco, including but not limited to chew, snuff, snus, electronic cigarettes, and all other nicotine delivery devices that are non-FDA approved as cessation products.

3.22 Pricing

All prices quoted shall be considered "all-inclusive". Pricing for transportation of pulpwood, firewood and bolts shall be based on weight with a minimum haul weight charge of 40,000 lbs. per load. Pricing for transportation of saw logs shall be based on board feet with a minimum charge of 4,000 board feet per load. Cost shall be based on Miles from landing to mill.

Pricing for all other services shall described in Section 2 shall be based on an hourly rate with a minimum of 3 hour charge for services.

SECTION 4

4.0 Response Submission Requirements

This section contains instructions for Bidders to use in preparing their responses. The Bidder's response must follow the outline used below, including the numbering and section and sub-section headings as they appear here. Failure to use the outline specified in this section or to respond to all questions and instructions throughout this document may result in the response being disqualified as non-responsive or receiving a reduced score. The University and its evaluation team for this document have sole discretion to determine whether a variance from the document specifications should result in either disqualification or reduction in scoring of a response. Re-phrasing of the content provided in this document will, at best, be considered minimally responsive. The University seeks detailed yet succinct responses that demonstrate the Bidder's experience and ability to perform the requirements specified throughout this document.

Responses to each requirement below should be in order and clearly marked with the section number to which they respond.

4.1 General Format Instructions

- 4.1.1 Responses are to be prepared on standard 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Foldouts containing charts, spreadsheets, and oversize exhibits are permissible. The pages should be placed in a binder with tabs separating the sections of the response. Manuals and other reference documentation may be bound separately.
- 4.1.2 All pages should be numbered consecutively beginning with number 1 on the first page of the narrative (this does not include the cover page or table of contents pages) through to the end, including all forms and attachments. For clarity, the Bidder's name should appear on every page, including Attachments. Each Attachment must reference the section or subsection number to which it corresponds.
- 4.1.3 Bidders must complete and submit the response cover page provided in **Appendix A** of this document and provide it with the Bidder's response. The cover page must be the first page of the response. It is important that the cover page show the specific information requested, including Bidder address(es) and other details listed. The response cover page shall be dated and signed by a person authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Bidder.
- 4.1.4 It is the responsibility of the Bidder to provide all information requested in the document package at the time of submission. Failure to provide information requested in this document may, at the discretion of the University's evaluation review team, result in a lower rating for the incomplete sections and may result in the response being disqualified for consideration.
- 4.1.5 The Bidder may not provide additional attachments beyond those specified in the document for the purpose of extending their response. Any material

exceeding the response limit will not be considered in rating the response and will not be returned. Bidders shall not include brochures or other promotional material with their response. Additional materials will not be considered part of the response and will not be evaluated.

- 4.1.6 Include any forms provided in the application package or reproduce those forms as closely as possible. All information should be presented in the same order and format as described in this document.
- 4.1.7 Bidders are asked to be brief and to respond to each question listed in the **“Requirements Sections”** of this document. Number each response in the response to correspond to the relevant question in this document.

4.2 Content Format Instructions

The response shall be submitted under the same cover at the same time, in the five (5) distinct sections noted below:

Section I - Requirements - Organization Qualifications and Experience

- 1. Appendix A – University of Maine System Response Cover Page and table of contents.
- 2. Provide responses for each requirement in **Section 5**:
 - a. 5.1 Organizational Qualifications and Experience
 - b. 5.2 References

Section II - Requirements - Cost Response

- 1. Provide responses for each requirement in **Section 5**:
 - 5.5 Cost Response – Exhibit 1 referenced in Appendix B.

Section III - Contract for Services

- 1. Provide copy of the University of Maine, Contract for Services with the required responses as outlined in **Section 6**.

Section IV - Confidential Information

- 1. Provide the documents as outlined in **Section 7**.

Section V - Attachments

- 1. Any remaining attachments required as part of the response.

SECTION 5 - REQUIREMENTS

5.0 Organizational Qualifications, Experience, Financial Stability, References & Costs

Bidders shall ensure that all information required herein is submitted with the response. All information provided should be verifiable by documentation requested by the University. Failure to provide all information, inaccuracy or misstatement may be sufficient cause for rejection of the response or rescission of an award. Bidders are encouraged to provide any additional information describing operational abilities.

Responses to each requirement below should be in order and clearly marked with the section number to which they respond.

5.1 Organizational Qualifications and Experience

- 5.1.1 Provide a statement describing your company to include name, number of employees, locations, number of years in business, number of years offering/supporting the proposed solution, and any and all acquisitions or mergers in the last five years. Is the company publicly or privately held? **Subcontractors are not allowed to be used without the pre-approval of the University.**

5.2 References

Provide at least three (3) current professional references who may be contacted for verification of the bidder's professional qualifications to meet the requirements set forth herein. We will request that the references include one long-standing customer (minimum of 3 year engagement) and one new customer (one who has been engaged with vendor for less than one year). We strongly prefer clients from higher education institutions similar in size and requirements to the University of Maine System, including those with multi-campus integrated solutions.

5.3 Cost Response

5.3.1 General Instructions:

- 5.3.1.1 The Bidder must submit a cost response that covers the entire period of the contract, including any optional renewal periods.
- 5.3.1.2 The cost response shall include the costs necessary for the Bidder to fully comply with the contract terms and conditions and requirements.
- 5.3.1.3 Failure to provide the requested information and to follow the required cost response format provided in Appendix B may result in the exclusion of the response from consideration, at the discretion of the University.
- 5.3.1.4 No costs related to the preparation of the response for this document or to the negotiation of the contract with the University may be included in the response. Only costs to be incurred after the contract effective date that are specifically

related to the implementation or operation of contracted services may be included.

5.3.2 Cost Response Form Instructions – Appendix B

5.3.2.1 The Bidder **MUST** fill out **Exhibit 1** referenced in **Appendix B**, following the instructions detailed in Appendix B. For a copy of the excel version of Exhibit 1, email the contact provided in **Section 1.6**.

SECTION 6

6.0 Contract for Services Requirements

- 6.1 The winning Bidder must enter into a formal University of Maine System Contract for Services, which is attached to this response, **University of Maine System, Contract for Services**.

As part of the response each Bidder is required to provide as part of their response submission the following:

- 6.1.1 Provide either a **red-line version** to reflect language adjustments to the University of Maine System, Contract for Services, "Agreement".

For a copy of the word version of the Agreement email the contact provided in **Section 1.6**.

OR

Sign the Agreement signifying acceptance of the terms and conditions, Riders, the RFB and the Bidder's response, including all appendices or attachments, are incorporated in the final Agreement.

- 6.1.2 Copies of your Certificate of Insurance and Form W9 or W8 should be provided as outlined in **Section 7** of this document to ensure the confidentiality of the information.

SECTION 7

7.0 Confidential Information

7.1 Certificate of Insurance – Provide on a standard Acord form (or the equivalent) evidencing the Bidder's general liability, professional liability and any other relevant liability insurance policies that might be associated with this contract. See **3.19 Contractor's Liability Insurance**.

7.2 Form W-9 or Form W-8 if you are a foreign person.

SECTION 8

8.0 List of Appendices and Related Documents

This section lists documents which are included.

- 8.1 Appendix A – University of Maine System Response Cover Page
- 8.2 Appendix B – Cost Response Form
- 8.3 Exhibit 1 – Pricing
- 8.4 University of Maine System, Contract for Services

Appendix A – University of Maine System Response Cover Page

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University of Maine School of Forest Resources Pulpwood & Raw Logs Transportation Services

Organization Name:	
Chief Executive – Name/Title:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Headquarters Street Address:	
Headquarters City/State/Zip:	
Lead Point of Contact for Quote – Name/Title:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Street Address:	
City/State/Zip:	

- This quote and the pricing structure contained herein will remain firm for a period of 90 days from the date and time of the quote deadline date.
- No personnel currently employed by the University or any other University agency participated, either directly or indirectly, in any activities relating to the preparation of the Bidder's response.
- No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a quote.
- The undersigned is authorized to enter into contractual obligations on behalf of the above-named organization.

To the best of my knowledge all information provided in the enclosed quote, both programmatic and financial, is complete and accurate at the time of submission.

Authorized Signature

Date

Name and Title (Typed)

Appendix B - Cost Response Form

University of Maine System COST RESPONSE FORM

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University of Maine School of Forest Resources Pulpwood & Raw Logs Transportation Services

Bidder's Organization Name:

- A) All prices quoted shall be considered "all-inclusive". Pricing for transportation of pulpwood, firewood and bolts shall be based on weight with a minimum haul weight charge of 40,000 lbs. per load. Pricing for transportation of saw logs shall be based on board feet with a minimum charge of 4,000 board feet per load. Cost shall be based on Miles from landing to mill.

<i>Payment Schedule</i>		
Product	Miles landing to Mill	Cost
Saw Logs	1-40 Miles	\$_____/1,000 board feet
	41-80 Miles	\$_____/1,000 board feet
	81-120 Miles	\$_____/1,000 board feet
Pulpwood, Firewood & Bolts	1-80 Miles	\$_____/1,000 lbs.
	81-120 Miles	\$_____/1,000 lbs.

- B) Contractor shall also be required to provide services, including but not limited to, hauling culverts, barriers, and boulders for the University's purpose of maintaining and / or opening / closing of wood roads. Contractor shall also provide culvert clearing services. Pricing shall be based on an hourly rate with a minimum of 3 hour charge for services.

All Other Hauling Services: \$_____/Per Hour

Current Diesel Fuel Rate: \$_____/Per Gallon; _____/Date

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This Contract for Services Master Agreement ("Agreement" or "Master Agreement") entered into this _____ day of _____, _____, by and between the **University of Maine System**, hereinafter referred to as the "**University**", and _____, hereinafter referred to as "**Contractor**".

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the payments and agreements hereinafter mentioned, to be made and performed by the University, the Contractor hereby agrees with the University to provide the products and services described in this agreement, and the following Riders, hereby incorporated into this Agreement and made part of it by reference:

Rider A - Specifications of Work to be Performed

Rider A-1 – Pricing

Rider B-1 – Insurance Requirements

Rider B-2 – Substitute Form W-9 - Taxpayer Identification Number Request & Certification

Rider C – University of Maine System Standards for Safeguarding Information

Rider D – Services Engagement Form

Contract Amendments as required

Request for Bid #032-17 Issue Date **September 12, 2016** Titled **University of Maine School of Forest Resources Pulpwood & Raw Logs Transportation**

Contractor's Bid in Response to Request for Bid #032-17 Bid Submission Date **September 21, 2016** Titled **University of Maine School of Forest Resources Pulpwood & Raw Logs Transportation**

WHEREAS, the University desires to enter into a contract for professional services, and the Contractor represents itself as competent and qualified to accomplish the specific requirements of this Contract to the satisfaction of the University;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

This Agreement, along with any documents identified, which are incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties, and there are no other or further written or oral understandings or agreements with respect thereto.

1. **Specifications of Work:** The Contractor agrees to perform the Specifications of Work as described in **Rider A**, hereby incorporated by reference.
2. **Term:** This Contract shall commence on **October 1, 2016** and shall terminate on **September 30, 2017**, unless terminated earlier as provided in this Contract with option for **four (4) additional one (1) year renewals** upon the parties' mutual agreement.
3. **Payment:**
 - A. Payment will be upon submittal of an invoice to the address shown on the purchase order by the Contractor on a Net 30 basis unless discount terms are offered. Invoices must include a purchase order number. The University is using several, preferred methods of payment: Bank of America's ePayables and PayMode electronic payment systems. Please indicate your ability to accept payment via any or all of these methods.

- B. **“Multi-Institution Capabilities”** University will have the option to include products and services under this Agreement to additional University institutions, this includes any additional University institutions formed during the term of this agreement, all facilities utilized by an institution including those managed and/or owned by a third party, and additional entities, such as, the University College a division of University of Maine at Augusta.
4. **Termination:** The **Agreement** may be terminated by the University in whole, or in part, whenever for any reason the University shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the University. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the Contractor of a Notice of Termination specifying the extent to which performance of the Agreement is terminated and the date on which such termination becomes effective. The University shall pay all allowable costs incurred up to the effective date of termination. However, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any costs incurred after the effective date of termination.
 5. **Obligations Upon Termination:** Any materials produced in performance of this agreement are the property of the University and shall be turned over to the University upon request. The University shall pay the Contractor for all services performed to the effective date of termination subject to offset of sums owed by the Contractor to the University.
 6. **Non-Appropriation:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the University is not appropriated sufficient funds to pay for the work to be performed under this Agreement or if funds are de-appropriated, then the University is not obligated to make payment under this Agreement.
 7. **Conflict of Interest:** No officer or employee of the University shall participate in any decision relating to this contract which affects his or her personal interest in any entity in which he or she directly or indirectly has interest. No employee of the University shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or proceeds thereof.
 8. **Modification:** This Contract may be modified or amended only in a writing signed by both parties.
 9. **Assignment:** This Contract, or any part thereof, may not be assigned, transferred or subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the University.
 10. **Applicable Law:** This Contract shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Maine.
 11. **Administration:** Robin Avery shall be the University's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract.
 12. **Non-Discrimination:** In the execution of the contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status or gender expression, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status and shall provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. The university encourages the employment of qualified individuals with disabilities.
 13. **Indemnification:** The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders relating to the services provided under this Contract. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the University, its Trustees, officers, employees,

and agents, harmless from and against any and all loss, liability, claims, damages, actions, lawsuits, judgments and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, that the University may become liable to pay or defend arising from or attributable to any acts or omissions of the Contractor, its agents, employees or subcontractors, in performing its obligations under this Contract, including, without limitation, for violation of proprietary rights, copyrights, or rights of privacy, arising out of a publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished under the Contract or based on any libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data.

14. **Contract Validity:** In the event one or more clauses of this Contract are declared invalid, void, unenforceable or illegal, that shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Contract.
15. **Independent Contractor:** Contractor is an independent contractor of the University, not a partner, agent or joint venture of the University and neither Party shall hold itself out contrary to these terms by advertising or otherwise, nor shall either party be bound by any representation, act or omission whatsoever of the other. For U.S. entities, Contractor, its employees and subcontractors if any, is/are independent contractors for whom no Federal or State Income Tax will be deducted by the University, and for whom no retirement benefits, social security benefits, group health or life insurance, vacation and sick leave, Worker's Compensation and similar benefits available to University's employees will accrue. The parties further understand that annual information returns as required by the Internal Revenue Code and Maine Income Tax Law will be filed by the University with copies sent to Contractor. Contractor will be responsible for compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations involving but not limited to, employment, labor, Workers Compensation, hours of work, working conditions, payment of wages, and payment of taxes, such as unemployment, social security and other payroll taxes, including other applicable contributions from such persons when required by law.
16. **Intellectual Property:** Any information and/or materials, finished or unfinished, produced in performance of this Contract, and all of the rights pertaining thereto, are the property of the University and shall be turned over to the University upon request.
17. **Entire Contract:** This Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter hereof and replaces and supersedes all prior agreements on the subject, whether oral or written, express or implied. This Contract is the entire agreement between the University (including University's employees and other End Users) and Contractor. In the event that Contractor enters into terms of use agreements or other agreements, policies or understandings, whether on Contractor's purchase order, website, electronic, click-through, verbal or in writing, with University's employees or other End Users, such agreements shall be null, void and without effect, and the terms of this Contract shall apply. University will not be bound to any other terms and conditions set forth in any documents, agreements or policies posted on Contractor's website unless such terms and conditions are set forth in this Contract. Contractor may not unilaterally change any term or condition of this Contract.
18. **Licensing:** Contractor shall secure in its name and at its expense all federal, state, and local licenses and permits required for operation under this Contract. Contractor shall provide proof of such licensure or permit to the University prior to commencing work under this Contract.
19. **Record Keeping, Audit and Inspection of Records:** The Contractor shall maintain books, records and other compilations of data pertaining to the requirements of the Contract to the extent and in such detail as shall properly substantiate claims for payment under the Contract. All such records shall be kept for a period of seven years or for such longer period as specified

herein. All retention periods start on the first day after the final payment of the Contract. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records is commenced prior to the expiration of the applicable retention period, all records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues resulting therefrom, or until the end of the applicable retention period, whichever is later. The University, the grantor agency (if any), or any of their authorized representatives shall have the right at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, to examine and copy the books, records and other compilations of data of the Contractor pertaining to this Contract. Such access shall include on-site audits.

20. **Publicity, Publication, Reproduction and use of Contract's Products or Materials:**

Unless otherwise provided by law or the University, title and possession of all data, reports, programs, software, equipment, furnishings and any other documentation or product paid for with University funds shall vest with the University. The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval of the University before it, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after termination of the Contract, makes any statement bearing on the work performed or data collected under this Contract to the press or issues any material for publication through any medium of communication. If the Contractor or any of its subcontractors publishes a work dealing with any aspect of performance under the Contract, or of the results and accomplishments attained in such performance, the University shall have a royalty free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use the publication.

21. **Confidentiality:** The contractor shall comply with all laws and regulations relating to confidentiality and privacy including but not limited to any rules or regulations of the University.

22. **Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be liable to the other or be deemed to be in breach of this Contract for any failure or delay in rendering performance arising out of causes beyond its reasonable control and without its fault or negligence. Such causes may include, but are not limited to, acts of God or of a public enemy, fires, flood, epidemics, strikes, embargoes or unusually severe weather. Dates or time of performance shall be extended to the extent of delays excused by this section provided that the party whose performance is affected notifies the other promptly of the existence and nature of such delay.

23. **Notices:** Unless otherwise specified in an attachment hereto, any notice hereunder shall be in writing and addressed to the persons and addresses below.

To the University:

University of Maine System
Robinson Hall
46 University Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

Attn: **Contract Administration**

To Contractor:

<<BID INSTRUCTIONS – Bidder to supply information noted below for submission with their proposal/bid. >>

Company Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

24. **Invoices:** Unless otherwise specified in an attachment hereto, Payment shall be made upon submittal of an electronic invoice to the University by the Contractor to the billing contact information supplied on the Purchase Order. University standard payment terms are made on a net 30 basis, unless otherwise negotiated herein. Questions regarding invoices will be directed to:

Accounts Payable Shared Services
Phone: [207-581-2692](tel:207-581-2692)

25. **Order of Precedence:** In the event of any conflict among the documents in this agreement, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- A. **Terms and conditions of this Agreement**
- B. **Rider A - Specifications of Work to be Performed**
- C. **Rider A-1 – Pricing**
- D. **Rider B-1 – Insurance Requirements**
- E. **Rider B-2 – Substitute Form W-9 - Taxpayer Identification Number Request & Certification**
- F. **Contract Amendments** as required
- G. **Request for Bid #032-17** Issue Date **September 12, 2016** Titled **University of Maine School of Forest Resources Pulpwood & Raw Logs Transportation**
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26. **Multi-Institution Capabilities** University will have the option to include products and services under this Agreement to additional University institutions, this includes any additional University institutions formed during the term of this agreement, all facilities utilized by an institution including those managed and/or owned by a third party, and additional entities, such as, the University College a division of University of Maine at Augusta.

The Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy, both public higher education institutions in the state, shall be permitted to piggyback off of the University's contract if they should so desire. The Contractor agrees to further provide the products and services, with all the same terms and conditions applicable, to these additional entities.

27. Smoking Policy

The University must comply with the "Workplace Smoking Act of 1985" and M.R.S.A. title 22, § 1541 et seq "Smoking Prohibited in Public Places." In addition, University Institutions may have specific Smoking Prohibitions. The Respondent shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcements of these restrictions.

Signatures

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
SYSTEM:

BY: _____
(signature)

Name: _____
(print or type)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Date: _____

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

LEGAL NAME: _____

BY: _____
(signature)

Name: _____
(print or type)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Date: _____

Tax ID #: _____

Per University policy, "Any contract or agreement for services that will, or may, result in the expenditure by the University of \$50,000 or more must be approved in writing by the Chief Procurement Officer, or designee, and if it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted."

Chief Financial Officer approval is required of any University of Maine System agreement of \$50,000 or more, and it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted.

Chief Business Officer approval is required of any campus specific agreement of \$50,000 or more, and it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted.

BY: _____

Title: _____

University Chief Procurement Officer or designee

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

University Chief Financial/Business Officer or designee

Date: _____

RIDER A SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

The Contractor agrees to the **Specifications of Work to be Performed** as follows:

INTENT AND PURPOSE

The Contractor shall, throughout the year, transport pulpwood and raw logs from the University's local forest locations to mills, rail sidings and concentration yards. The University will determine which mill loads are to be transported to and provide load tickets based on contracts between the University and mills throughout the State of Maine.

Annual Estimated Volumes are:

- 150 M.B.F. of Saw Logs
- 400 Cord of equivalents of round pulpwood

All pulpwood and raw logs are cut mill specifications and hauled by the University's skidder to a loading area.

The contract is for a Contractor with a straight frame tri-axle truck with self-loader. The majority of the University's road network has been in place for over fifty (50) years. The road widths are narrow in places, curves that are too sharp for long trucks, and junctions of the University's woods roads to public roads are at a 90 degree turn that makes the use of eighteen (18) wheeler type trucks not possible. The University cannot justify the significant expenses required to widen, resurface, reroute and reconstruct the University's roads to accommodate trucks larger than a straight frame tri-axle truck.

Contractor shall also be required to provide services, including but not limited to, hauling culverts, barriers, and boulders for the University's purpose of maintaining and / or opening / closing of wood roads. Contractor shall also provide culvert clearing services.

PRODUCT SCOPE OF WORK:

<< BID INSTRUCTIONS - Bidder to provide product/service scope of work description as part of their proposal/bid submission. >>

Additional Scope: The Contractor shall permit product and services not covered herein to be added by mutual agreement, without voiding the provisions of the existing contract. The Contractor, for additional consideration, shall furnish additional such products and services to the University.

PRICING: Refer to RIDER A-1. Pricing will be valid for the term of the Agreement.

PERFORMANCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Employees:** The Contractor shall employ only competent and satisfactory personnel and shall provide a sufficient number of employees to perform the required services efficiently and in a manner satisfactory to the University. If the University Contract Administrator notifies the Contractor in writing that any person employed on this Contract is incompetent, disorderly, or otherwise unsatisfactory, such person shall not again be utilized in the execution of this Contract without the prior written consent of the Contract Administrator.

2. **Transportation:** The Contractor agrees to haul wood within three (3) business days of being notified wood is ready for transport.
3. **Loads:** The Contractor shall secure all loads according to State and Federal regulations before the truck leaves the University's load site.
4. **Truck:** The Contractor shall utilize a self-loading truck to load and haul wood.
5. **Load Tickets:** The Contractor shall provide the University with properly filled out load delivery tickets.
6. **Delivery Slips:** The Contractor will provide original mill scale tickets for each load delivered.
7. **Fuel Cost:** The University and the Contractor agree that if consumer diesel fuel price change by more than \$0.50 gallon in any quarter, as defined below, each party has the right to renegotiate the above listed rates.

Q1: July 1 – September 30

Q2: October 1 – December 31

Q3: January 1 – March 31

Q4: April 1 – June 30

**RIDER A-1
PRICING**

<< BID INSTRUCTIONS - Details in Exhibit 1 will be inserted here during Agreement negotiations. No action needed for Bidder as part of their proposal/bid submission. >>

**RIDER B-1
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

<< BID INSTRUCTIONS - Bidder to provide their Contractor's Liability Insurance (CIA) Form here as part of their proposal/bid submission. The text below will be removed and the CIA form will be inserted as an image under Rider B-1>>

During the term of this agreement, the Contractor shall maintain the following insurance:

<u>Insurance Type</u>	<u>Coverage Limit</u>
1. Commercial General Liability (Written on an Occurrence-based form)	\$2,000,000 per occurrence or more (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)
2. Automobile Liability (Including Hired & Non-Owned)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)
3. Workers Compensation	Required for all personnel (In Compliance with State Law)

The **University of Maine System** shall be named as Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability insurance and as additional insured and certificate holder.

Certificates shall be filed prior to the date of performance under this Agreement. Said certificates, in addition to proof of coverage, shall contain the standard statement pertaining to written notification in the event of cancellation, with a thirty (30) day notification period.

Certificates of Insurance for all of the above insurance shall be filed with:

**University of Maine System
Risk Manager
16 Central Street
Bangor, Maine 04401**

RIDER B-2

Substitute Form W-9 - Taxpayer Identification Number Request & Certification

Please complete the following information. We are required by law to obtain this information from you when making a reportable payment to you. If you do not provide us with this information, your payments may be subject to federal income tax backup withholding. Use this form only if you are a **U.S. person** (including US. resident alien.). If you are a foreign person, use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part 1 Tax Status:

Print Name: _____

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Complete One:

☐ Individual/Sole Proprietor Business Name, if different from above _____

Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____

- or - Business EIN ____ - ____ - ____

☐ Partnership EIN ____ - ____ - ____

☐ Corporation EIN ____ - ____ - ____

Please answer questions below if you are a corporation:

1. Corporation providing legal services? **Y** **N**

2. Corporation providing medical services? **Y** **N**

☐ Limited Liability Company EIN ____ - ____ - ____

☐ Tax-Exempt or Not-for-Profit under § 501(C)(3) EIN ____ - ____ - ____

☐ Government Entity EIN ____ - ____ - ____

☐ Estate or Trust EIN ____ - ____ - ____

☐ All other Entities EIN ____ - ____ - ____

Part 2 Exemption:

If exempt from Form 1099 reporting, check here: ☐

and circle your qualifying exemption reason below

1. An organization exempt from tax under IRC section 501(a)
2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
6. Other: _____

Part 3 Certification:

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), **and**
 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding,
- and**
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return.

Signature of U.S. person: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with the attached contract. Thank you for your cooperation.

