

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Timber Harvesting Services

McCreary County School District

The McCreary County School District is accepting sealed proposals from qualified timber harvesting contractors for the harvesting and removal of timber located on District-owned property in McCreary County, Kentucky.

The project includes:

Harvesting timber within a proposed roadway for future construction; and selective harvesting of additional designated trees outside the roadway corridor.

The District intends to select a contractor capable of performing the work safely, responsibly, and in accordance with applicable forestry standards and environmental regulations.

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The timber harvest project is located on property owned by the McCreary County School District in McCreary County, Kentucky.

The work generally consists of:

Cutting and removing all merchantable timber within the proposed roadway corridor;

Selectively harvesting additional trees designated by the District and/or consulting forester;

Hauling and removing harvested timber from the property;

Protecting remaining trees and surrounding property;

Performing erosion control and site stabilization as necessary.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, supervision, transportation, fuel, insurance, and incidentals necessary to complete the timber harvesting operations.

A. Road Corridor Harvest

The contractor shall harvest all designated timber located within the proposed road corridor limits as identified by flagging, paint markings, or project exhibits. Operations shall minimize disturbance outside the designated corridor.

B. Selective Harvesting

Additional trees outside the roadway corridor may be harvested only if:

- Marked with forestry paint;
- Flagged by the District; or
- Identified by the District's consulting forester.

No unmarked trees outside the corridor may be harvested.

C. Logging Operations

The contractor shall:

- Conduct operations in a safe and professional manner;
- Minimize damage to residual timber;
- Prevent excessive rutting and soil disturbance;
- Keep haul routes reasonably clear and safe;
- Remove all merchantable forest products from the site.
- Make the lump sum payment to the district at least 5 days prior to starting the project in the form of a cashier's check.
- Finish the project no later than July 15, 2026. If the project is not complete by this date any remaining timber will be forfeited back to the district.

D. Best Management Practices

All work shall comply with:

- Kentucky Forestry Best Management Practices;
- Federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

3. CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Proposals shall include the following:

- Company name and contact information;
- Years in business;
- Description of timber harvesting experience;
- References for similar projects;
- Description of equipment available for the project;
- Proof of insurance coverage;
- Logging certifications/licenses, if applicable.
- **The District reserves the right to investigate qualifications and references.**

4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The successful contractor shall maintain the following minimum insurance coverage throughout the project duration:

General Liability Required \$1,000,000 per occurrence (minimum)

Workers Comp Policy Preferred

Certificates of Insurance shall be provided with the proposal.

The contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the McCreary County School District, its Board members, employees, and representatives from claims arising from contractor operations.

5. SITE INSPECTION / SHOW ME

Contractors are encouraged to inspect the property prior to submitting proposals.

Site Visit Date: May 29, 2026

Site Visit Time: 12:30 pm EST

Meeting Location: McCreary County Board of Education

120 Raider Way

Stearns, KY 42647

6. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Each proposal shall include:

- Completed Official Bid Form;
- Contractor qualifications;
- Proposed harvesting approach;
- Estimated project schedule;
- Proposed compensation/payment to the district
- Proof of insurance;
- Any exceptions to the RFP requirements.

7. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The District may consider the following factors when evaluating proposals:

- Contractor experience;
- Financial return to the District;
- Safety record;
- References;
- Equipment capability;
- Proposed operational approach;
- Compliance with RFP requirements.
- The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities.

8. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The McCreary County School District reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals;
- Negotiate with proposers;
- Modify the scope of work;
- Cancel the solicitation process at any time;
- Accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the District.

9. PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT

THE LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR TO STARTING THE PROJECT.

10. SUBMITTING PROPOSALS / BID OPENING

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND CLEARLY MARKED “TIMBER HARVESTING SERVICES” ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.

PROPSALS CAN BE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF TO

McCreary County Board of Education

ATTN: Melanie Pitman

120 Raider Way

Stearns, KY 42647

Deadline to Submit: June 4th at 2:00 PM

***LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

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OFFICIAL BID FORM

TIMBER HARVESTING SERVICES

McCreary County School District

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Contact Person: _____

Years in Business: _____

PROPOSED COMPENSATION

LUMP SUM BID

The undersigned proposes to pay the McCreary County School District the following lump sum amount for timber harvesting rights:

\$ _____

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Estimated Start Date: _____

Estimated Completion Date: _____

****THE PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 15TH, 2026. If the project is not complete by this date any remaining timber will be forfeited back to the district.**

*****Cashier's Check for the lump sum payment must be made to the district at least 5 days prior to starting work.**

REFERENCES

Reference #1

Company/Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reference #2

Company/Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reference #3

Company/Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that:

- The contractor has examined the project information;
- The contractor understands the scope of work;
- The proposal is submitted voluntarily and in good faith;
- The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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