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Land and Minerals Department
Government Services Center
320 W. 2nd Street, Suite 302
Duluth, MN 55802

9:30 A.M.



August 6, 2020

Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction—Government Services Center, Suite 302, Duluth, MN



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Department**

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Products
Sealed Bid Auction**

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August 6, 2020 stlouiscountymn.gov**



Land Commissioner's Office
320 West 2nd Street, Ste 302
Duluth, MN 55802
218-726-2606

Pike Lake Area Office
5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway
Duluth, MN 55811
218-625-3700

Virginia Area Office
7820 Highway 135
Virginia, MN 55792
218-742-9898

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Due to the COVID -19 situation, public attendance is not possible.

NOTICE OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the St. Louis County Auditor shall sell to the highest bidder the designated timber located on the following described parcels of land forfeited to the State for the nonpayment of taxes, which have been classified and appraised as provided by Minnesota Statutes 282.04, Subd. 1(1982) subject, in part, to the following conditions:

- To be eligible to bid at a St. Louis County Timber auction, a Responsible Operator Application Form must be on file at the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department, 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302, Duluth, MN 55802, at least **2 working days prior** to the auction. An application can be obtained at any Land and Minerals Department Office.
- The timber will be sold to the highest bidder, but for not less than the total appraised **Tract Value**. A **bid value per unit** must be indicated for each species listed. This bid value will be applied to each specie. Bid value per unit must meet or exceed the appraised bid value per unit. St. Louis County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
- All bid forms must be received in the Land Commissioner's Office **by 4:30 P.M. on August 5th**. All bids must be on the official bid form and sealed in an envelope.
- Due to the COVID-19 situation, public attendance at the bid opening is not possible. Please mail your bids in early. Public access to county buildings is not yet possible. The only option for bid drop-off is the silver drop box in front of the main entrance of the Government Services Center in Duluth. Drop off and receipt of bids must be before the deadline for receiving bids.
- A \$300 bid bond, i.e. personal check, payable to the **St. Louis County Auditor** is required and must be included in the envelope with the bid form. One bid bond will cover all tracts and will be returned if the bids are not the successful bidder. For a successful bidder, the bid bond will be applied to the down payment on the first tract awarded.
- Successful bidders will have **10 days** to submit a check, payable to the County Auditor, for the specified down payment of the appraised tract value for each tract awarded. Failure to make any or all of these down payments on time will result in the forfeiture of the bid bond. Successful bidders will be notified by mail.
- Should the successful bidder not submit the down payment on time, the sale may be awarded to the next highest bidder. In the case of tie bids, the successful bidder will be decided by the toss of a coin by the Auditor.
- St. Louis County has developed an Environmental Management System to assist it in meeting the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standard and is certified to this standard.
- Some of the tracts may have special requirements. Prospective bidders should get maps, cutting regulations, contract information and special regulations at the applicable Area Office.

Tracts 1 and 2 contact:
Virginia Area Office
Dave Skurla, Area Land Manager
7820 Highway #135
Virginia, MN 55792

218-742-9898

Tracts 3 and 4 contact:
Pike Lake Area Office
Mark Pannkuk, Area Land Manager
5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway
Duluth, MN 55811

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Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction will be held at:

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Government Services Center
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Duluth, MN 55802
9:30 A.M. - August 6, 2020**

St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department does not accept cash payments.
Payment must be made by Check or Money Order.

Published as follows is the list of timber to be offered at public auction sale as announced and advertised in the official newspaper within this county.

St. Louis County August 6, 2020 Decorative Products Auction Listing

Tract #1	Number of Blocks: 1	Sec 1, Twp 62N, Rge 20W
C20-622001		Sale Administrator: Chris Lintula
Linden Grove Township		
Virginia Area		
ID: C19200067		Sale Expiration: December 31, 2020
SOAV	Black Spruce Tops	35,000 pieces @ \$0.30 = \$10,500.00
Down Payment Required (25%) = \$2,625.00		
Comments: 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.		
Tract #2	Number of Blocks: 1	Sec 19, Twp 61N, Rge 15W
E20-611519		Sale Administrator: Jim Simons
Kugler Township		
Virginia Area		
ID: C19200068		Sale Expiration: December 31, 2020
SOAV	Black Spruce Tops	29,700 pieces @ \$0.30 = \$8,910.00
Down Payment Required (25%) = \$2,227.50		
Comments: 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.		
Tract #3	Number of Blocks: 2	Sec 26, Twp 53N, Rge 13W
B20-531326		Sale Administrator: Drake Schroeder
North Star Township		
Pike Lake Area		
ID: C19200065		Sale Expiration: December 31, 2021
SOAV	Black Spruce Tops	127,928 pieces @ \$0.30 = \$38,378.40
Down Payment Required (25%) = \$9,594.60		
Comments: 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.		
Tract #4	Number of Blocks: 1	Sec 6, Twp 53N, Rge 16W
K20-531606		Sale Administrator: Erik Anton
Unorganized Township 53 16		
Pike Lake Area		
ID: C19200066		Sale Expiration: December 31, 2020
SOAV	Balsam Fir Boughs	8,470 pieces @ \$0.05 = \$423.50
	Norway Pine Boughs	29,838 pieces @ \$0.05 = \$1,491.90
	White Pine Boughs	1,733 pieces @ \$0.05 = \$86.65
= \$2,002.05		
Down Payment Required (25%) = \$500.51		
Comments: Purchaser is required to completely prune all lowest boughs of crop trees to a maximum of half the total height of the tree. The bole of the tree must remain undamaged with branch stubs of no longer than 1 inch allowed on pruned trees. 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.		