



**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION & FORESTRY**

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May 18, 2026

Katahdin Forest Management

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Pre-Qualified Vendor List Award under RFP #201903058,
Pre-Qualified Contract Logging Services (CLS) List

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry for #201903058. The Department has evaluated the proposals received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFP, and the Department is hereby announcing its conditional award to Katahdin Forest Management for the following harvest systems for the Northern Region:

- *Tree-Length
- *Cut to Length

The bidder listed above has met the requirements for placement on the Pre-Qualified Vendor List. Vendors added to this Pre-Qualified Vendor List (PQVL) are not guaranteed a contract with the State of Maine but are eligible to submit bids on projects issued through the PQVL Mini-Bid Process, as defined in the RFP. Any Notice of Conditional Contract Award resulting from a Mini-Bid award is subject to execution of a written contract. As a result, this Notice does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between the Department and the apparent successful vendor(s). The vendor shall not acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to contract services until a contract containing terms and conditions acceptable to the Department is executed. The Department further reserves the right to cancel this Notice of Conditional Contract Award and dissolve the Pre-Qualified Vendor List at any time.

As stated in the RFP, following the announcement of this award decision, all submissions in response to the RFP are considered public records available for public inspection pursuant to the State of Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA). 1 M.R.S. §§ 401 et seq.; 5 M.R.S. § 1825-B (6).

This award decision is conditioned upon final approval by the State Procurement Review Committee. A Statement of Appeal Rights has been provided with this letter; see below.

Thank you for your interest in doing business with the State of Maine.

Sincerely,


Theresa Spooner
Bureau of Parks & Lands

STATEMENT OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Any person aggrieved by an award decision may request an appeal hearing. The request must be made to the Director of the Bureau of General Services, in writing, within 15 days of notification of the contract award as provided in 5 M.R.S. § 1825-E (2) and the Rules of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division of Purchases, Chapter 120, § (2) (2).

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 201903058
RFP TITLE: PQVL – Contract Logging Services
BIDDER: Katahdin Forest Management
DATE: May 7, 2025

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry
Name of RFP Coordinator: Jacob Guimond
Names of Evaluators: Jacob Guimond, Andrew Wilcox, David Pierce

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)		
• N/A		
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<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Bid Price Sheet / Cost Proposal		NA
Section II. Equipment List		NA
Section III. Experience Information		NA
<u>Total Points</u>		

Note: This was the only Proposal received for this PQVL submission period. Though no points were awarded, the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the Evaluation Team and found to meet the requirements of the RFP and is approved. It is recommended that this vendor be added to the PQVL listing.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I
Cost Proposal**

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	÷	Cost Proposal Being Scored	x	Score Weight	=	Score
	÷		x	25 points	=	NA

Evaluation Team Comments:

Tree Length Harvest system

- Harvest rates are close to current market rates.
- Trucking rates are all close to current market rates.
- Hourly equipment rates are a little high but close to market rate.

Cut to Length Harvest system

- Harvest rates are on the high end of the current market rates.
- Trucking rates are all close to current market rates.
- Hourly equipment rates are higher than current BPL rates to other entities.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Equipment List**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Equipment List		NA

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Has all equipment needed to meet requirements to harvest on BPL property, Cut to length and full tree.
- All CTL equipment is all a later model within the last 10 years.
- Some of the full tree equipment is older but still passable.
- There is no mention of trucking equipment.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Experience Information Sheet		NA

Evaluation Team Comments:

Has multiple years of experience managing harvesting crews on industrial land, but not owning the equipment.

The equipment purchased comes with experienced crews that have worked on industrial and state land for multiple years under different ownership.



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AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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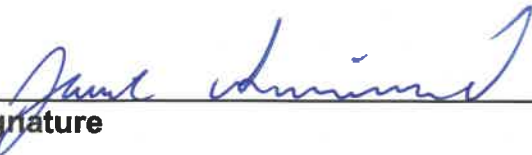
I, Jacob Guimond, accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.

Neither I nor any member of my immediate family have a personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in the bidders whose proposals I will be reviewing. "Interest" may include, but is not limited to: current or former ownership in the bidder's company; current or former Board membership; current or former employment with the bidder; current or former personal contractual relationship with the bidder (example: paid consultant); and/or current or former relationship to a bidder's official which could reasonably be construed to constitute a conflict of interest (personal relationships may be perceived by the public as a potential conflict of interest).

I have not advised, consulted with or assisted any bidder in the preparation of any proposal submitted in response to this RFP nor have I submitted a letter of support or similar endorsement.

I understand and agree that the evaluation process is to be conducted in an impartial manner without bias or prejudice. In this regard, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no circumstances that would reasonably support a good faith charge of bias. I further understand that in the event a good faith charge of bias is made, it will rest with me to decide whether I should be disqualified from participation in the evaluation process.

I agree to hold confidential all information related to the contents of Requests for Proposals presented during the review process until such time as the Department formally releases the award decision notices for public distribution.



Signature

5-9-25

Date



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Andrew Wilcox

Signature

5/7/2025

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I, David Pierce, accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.

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David M Pierce

Signature

5/7/25

Date