

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
DECEMBER 17, 2008  
PROSPECTUS FOR  
GENETICALLY MODIFIED, GLYPHOSATE RESISTANT SOYBEANS and WHEAT  
ON  
TRACTS NOS. 17, 20, 22, AND 54  
MIDWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE  
WILL COUNTY  
ILLINOIS

BID OPENING DATE: JANUARY 28, 2009

OPENING TIME: 2:00 P.M.

SUBMIT BIDS TO: PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR  
MIDWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE  
30239 SOUTH STATE ROUTE 53  
WILMINGTON, IL 60481

## LIMITING CONDITIONS

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS WAS TAKEN FROM THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION. THE SOURCES ARE CONSIDERED RELIABLE, BUT NO WARRANTY OF THE ACCURACY THEREOF IS MADE. ALL BIDDERS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN APPRAISAL OF THE PROPOSAL HEREIN OFFERED.

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### PROSPECTUS

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this prospectus is to solicit bidders interested in the crop production for the cultivation and harvest of genetically modified, glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat using the no till method on **398 acres** during the **2009 and 2010** growing seasons within the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. The Special Use Permit may be extended for an additional 2 years at the discretion of the Prairie Supervisor.

Four sites, known as Tracts No: 17 (fields 4 and 5), 20, 22 (field 3), and 54 (fields 3 and 4), are available for crop production of genetically modified, glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat using the no till method during the 2009 and 2010 growing seasons.

#### BID PROCEDURE

Lump Sum sealed bids subject to terms and conditions set forth in this prospectus will be received by the Prairie Supervisor, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, 30239 South State Route 53, Wilmington, IL 60481 until **2:00 P.M. CDT, January 28, 2009** to cultivate and harvest genetically modified, glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat with the no till method on Tracts Nos. 17 (fields 4 and 5), 20, 22 (field 3), and 54, (fields 3 and 4) for the 2009 and 2010 growing seasons. (See attached map.)

The bid opening will be open to the public; bidders will be notified of the results. **Each bid must be accompanied by a Cashiers Check or Money Order in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) made out to USDA Forest Service.** Checks or Money Orders will be returned to all unsuccessful bidders. The deposit will be applied to the fee of the high bidder. If the high bidder cannot fulfill the terms of the Special Use Permit, the bid deposit will be forfeited and the prospectus reissued. A Bill of Collection and Special Use Permit will be transmitted to the successful bidder to submit payment and sign the Special Use Permit. No ground disturbing activities will be permitted on any of the sites until payment is received and the Special Use Permit is approved.

The Forest Service reserves the right to extend the date for receiving bids, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any technical defects.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### OWNERSHIP

All facilities and land covered by this prospectus are owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. All bidders should make their own investigation as to the facts about the areas and estimates of crop production capabilities/revenues without reference to anything indicated in this prospectus. Prospective bidders are urged to consult with Dolores Kaitschuck at (815) 423-6370, to discuss permit conditions, inspect the sites, and acquire other pertinent information.

Any oral statement by any representative of the Forest Service, modifying or changing any condition of this prospectus is an expression of opinion only, and confers no right to the bidder.

The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie was formerly part of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant. It is approximately two miles north of the Town of Wilmington, Illinois, and twelve miles south of the City of Joliet, Illinois. State Route 53 provides access to this site.

The tracts being offered are part of many tracts identified within the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie for agricultural activities. Soils and physical features of the tracts being offered indicate that the most efficient use of this land would be crop production. These tracts have been used for these purposes during most of the past twenty years.

### AREA DESCRIPTION

This offering includes four sites suitable for crop production of glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat described as follows:

- A. Tract No. 17 (fields 4 and 5) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated 32 acres suitable for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 34 North, Range 10 East, Section 31 of Will County, Illinois. It was managed as part of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant in the past. During most of the past 20 years, this site has been used for the production of corn, wheat and soybeans.
- B. Tract No. 20 of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated 337 acres suitable for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 34 North, Range 10 East, Section 32 of Will County, Illinois. It was managed as part of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant in the past. During most of the past 20 years, this site has been used for the production of corn, wheat and soybeans.
- C. Tract No. 22 (fields 3) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated 4 acres suitable for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Section 32 of Will County, Illinois. It was managed as part of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant in the past. During most of the past 20 years, this site has been used for the production of corn, wheat and soybeans.

D. Tract No. 54 (fields 3 and 4) of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – This site contains an estimated 25 acres suitable for crop production purposes. This tract is located in Township 34 North, Range 10 East, Section 31 of Will County, Illinois. It was managed as part of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant in the past. During most of the past 10 years, this site has been used for the production of corn, wheat and soybeans.

#### OFFERING

The offering involved in this prospectus is exclusive authorization to cultivate and harvest crops of genetically modified, glyphosate resistant soybeans and wheat on 398 acres during the 2009 and 2010 growing seasons using the no till method on all of the offered parcels to begin April 1, 2009. The offering for cultivation and harvesting will run until December 31, 2010, but may be extended for 2 years. The high bidder will be awarded this exclusive authorization through the issuance of a Special Use Permit.

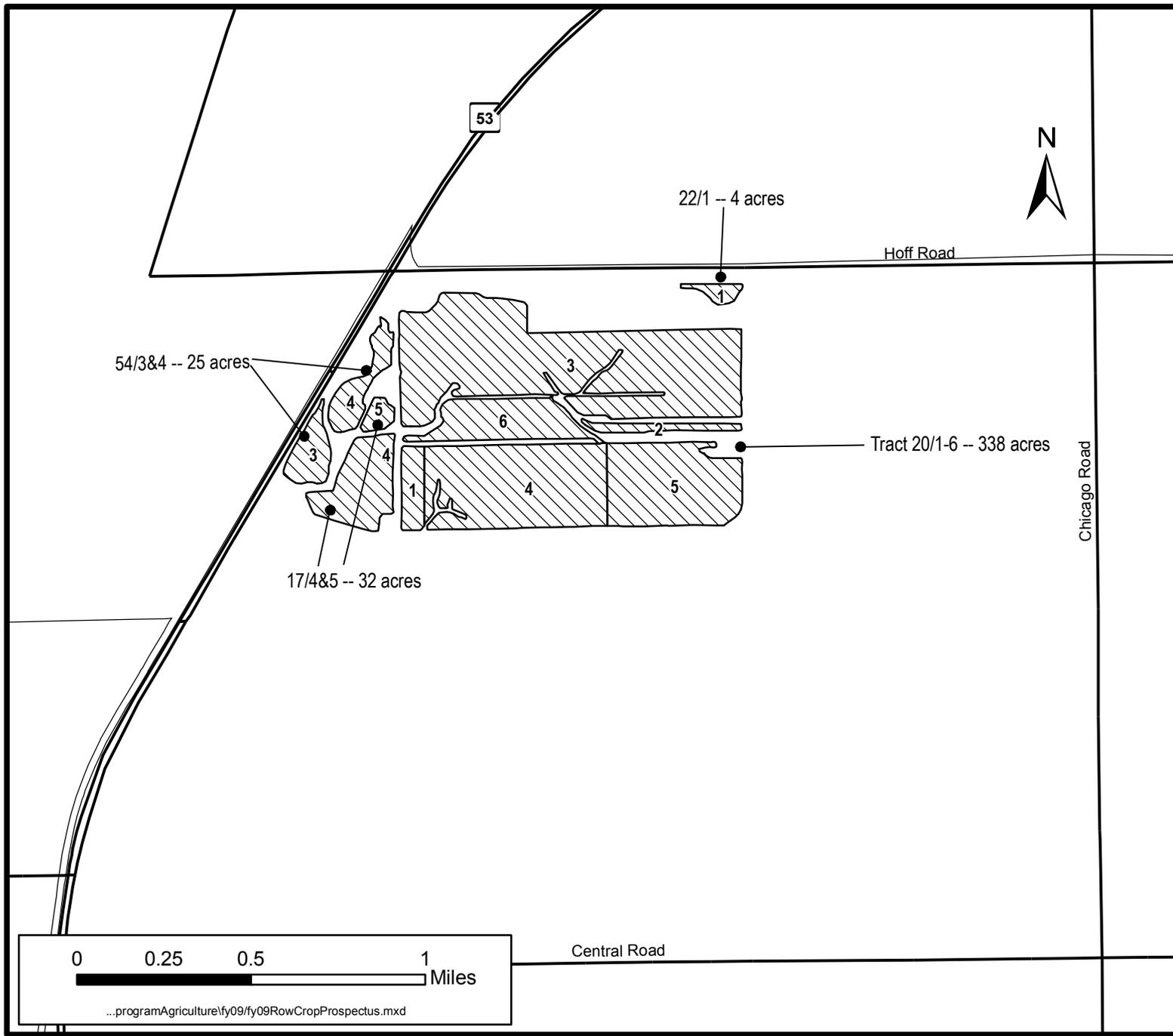
#### TYPES OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT

A Special Use Permit for April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 will be issued to the successful bidder. The Special Use Permit may be extended for an additional 2 years at the discretion of the Prairie Supervisor

#### PERMIT AWARD

Bids will be judged on the monetary return to the United States only. It is assumed that all bidders will comply with the terms of the Special Use Permit as well as instructions specified in the spill plan for glyphosate.

# Prospectus -- January 2009



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## Legend

 Crop Fields

Data Sources:  
 Midwin GIS Database  
 Map Developed By: MMH  
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