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Department of Natural Resources

Division of Oil and Gas

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Instructions to Bidders

NORTH SLOPE FOOTHILLS AREA WIDE 2002 COOK INLET AREA WIDE 2002 OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES

A. Acceptance and Rejection of Bids

The state hereby expressly reserves the right to reject any bid on any tract. No bid for any tract will be accepted and no lease for any tract will be awarded to any bidder unless the following conditions have been met:

1. The bidder has complied with this notice and applicable state regulations and statutes.
2. The bid is the highest valid cash bonus bid.
3. The amount of the bid has been determined to be adequate by the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.
4. A bid deposit equal to a minimum of 20% of the estimated highest possible total bonus bid for the tract accompanies the bid.

In addition, no bid containing or accompanied by any condition, qualification or material alteration will be considered.

B. Pre-Qualification of Bidders

In order for bids for this sale to be accepted, bidders **must** be pre-qualified with the Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G) no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2002. To pre-qualify the following information and documents **must** be on file with DO&G:

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."

1. Individual

- a. In the case of a person, an original, signed and dated statement including the bidder's name, current address, telephone number, e-mail address (if used) and a certification that the bidder is of the age of majority; or
- b. In the case of a guardian, trustee, or other legal representative of a person, a certified copy of the court order authorizing the representative to act in that capacity and to fulfill on behalf of the person all obligations arising under the lease and the representative's certification of the age of the person and the representative; or
- c. In the case of an agent acting on behalf of an individual, an original or certified copy of a notarized power of attorney authorizing the agent to act on behalf of the individual.

2. Corporation

- a. The current name, address, phone and fax number of the corporation. Bidders are also asked to provide e-mail addresses;
- b. A list of the individuals authorized to act on its behalf with respect to the bid;
- c. An original or certified copy of a notarized power of attorney authorizing any agent who is not a current officer but who has been authorized by the corporation to act on its behalf with respect to the bid;
- d. A 2002 Certificate of Compliance for a corporation qualified to do business in Alaska or, if qualifying to do business in Alaska and qualifying for a lease sale for the first time, either:
 - (1) A Certificate of Authority for a foreign corporation qualified to do business in Alaska (a foreign corporation is a corporation incorporated outside Alaska), or
 - (2) A Certificate of Incorporation for a domestic corporation qualified to do business in Alaska.

The Certificate of Compliance provides written proof that the corporation has paid all taxes, complied with all applicable laws and thus remains qualified to do business in the state. It remains the bidders responsibility to assure that the required certificate is filed with DO&G.

The required Alaska Certificate of Compliance, Certificate of Authority, or Certificate of Incorporation, must be requested from the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, (DC&ED). For information on obtaining a certificate write

the DC&ED; Corporation Section; 3601 C Street, Suite 724; Anchorage, Alaska 99503 or call (907) 269-8140. Upon proper application, the DC&ED will issue the requested certificate. Please allow **3 weeks** for the processing of the certificate.

3. **Partnership, joint venture, or other unincorporated association**

- a. A statement describing the business relationship between the members of the association, joint venture or partnership; and
- b. The documents required for individuals or corporations for each participant as appropriate.

To pre-qualify, the appropriate information and documents must be on file at DO&G. If current and accurate, material previously filed with these offices that satisfies all or part of the qualification requirements may be used by reference to the filing date of the previously filed material and by providing a statement as to any material changes or amendments. It remains the bidder's responsibility to assure that all pre-qualification requirements are fulfilled. Failure to provide DO&G with any of the above required documents or information may result in disqualification and the rejection of any bids submitted. For additional qualification information, please contact Dianna Lewis of DO&G at (907) 269-8810.

C. **Bid Submission**

Bids will be received for these sales on April 29, 2002 in DO&G's offices in Suite 806 of the Atwood Building, located at 550 W. 7th Ave., in Anchorage, Alaska. Bids arriving prior to April 29, 2002 will be held by DO&G until 9:00 a.m. April 29, 2002 and will be officially received at that time. Bids that are mailed must be sent to the Director, DO&G, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 800, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. **Bids that are sent by a delivery service must be sent to 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 800, Atwood Building, in Anchorage.** The division must receive all bids no later than 4:00 p.m. April 29, 2002. **BIDS RECEIVED AFTER 4:00 p.m., APRIL 29, 2002 WILL BE REJECTED.** Information regarding the bids will be held confidential until the day of the sale.

NOTE: For Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sales, successful bidders will be determined based on the HIGHEST BONUS BID PER ACRE for a tract, rather than the total bonus bid per tract.

D. **Form for Submission of Bids**

1. Bids for **North Slope Foothills Areawide 2002** and **Cook Inlet Areawide 2002** must be submitted on a **BID FORM FOR AREAWIDE OIL & GAS LEASE SALE** (Revised 7/2001) or an exact copy of that form.
2. Each bid must be submitted separately in a single envelope. The envelope should be marked, as appropriate:

"State of Alaska, North Slope Foothills Areawide Lease Sale 2002; not to be opened until 8:30 a.m., MAY 1, 2002; Tract # _____."

Or, as Appropriate

"State of Alaska, Cook Inlet Areawide Lease Sale 2002; not to be opened until 8:30 a.m., MAY 1, 2002 Tract # _____."

No other statements, information or identification should appear on the outside of the envelope.

3. A separate bid must be submitted for each tract.
4. The bid form must be completely filled out. The bidder or the authorized representative designated to receive official notices on behalf of all bidders must state his or her name, company (if applicable), address, and e-mail address if used and telephone number on the bid form. Bidders must also designate themselves or another individual to contact regarding the bid. All lease interest percentages must be represented by numbers with the fractional interest carried out to no more than five decimal places. No bids with the lease interest represented by fractions will be accepted unless the fraction can be expressed in decimals of no more than five digits without rounding off. The sum of the lease interest ownerships covered by this bid must be exactly 100.00000 percent.
5. Each bid must include either the total amount of the estimated total cash bonus bid or a bid deposit as required by AS 38.05.860(c). A bid deposit must equal **a minimum of 20.00000%** of the total **estimated total cash bonus** being offered for the tract. All funds must be in U.S. dollars and must be tendered in cash or by bank draft, money order, cashier's check or certified check. All checks, bank drafts or money orders must be made payable to the "Department of Revenue, State of Alaska." Checks may be drawn on any solvent bank in the United States.

Caution: All bid deposit calculations that result in sums containing fractions of less than one dollar should be rounded upwards to the nearest whole dollar in order to ensure that a minimum of 20.00000% of the total estimated bid is being tendered.

6. Due to the large amounts of land involved with areawide oil and gas lease sales, the actual leaseable acreage for each tract will not be determined until after the lease sale. After bids for the individual tracts have been accepted, the department will complete a title review for the individual tract and determine the total leaseable acreage. For the purposes of formulating bids, bidders are required to calculate the **estimated total cash bonus** bid based on an estimated acreage figure (See Attachment A for the appropriate sale). In most cases these estimated tract acreages will be more than the actual

available leaseable acreage for each tract. **The bidder submitting a valid bid representing the highest Bid Per Acre will be the apparent high bidder.** The high bidders will then receive a Notice to High Bidder informing them of the commissioner's acceptance of the high bid and the bid deposit, the ADL number for the pending lease, and notification of the initiation of the title review.

Sample Bid/Minimum Bid Deposit Calculation:

Tract # 0433, with a Bid of \$10.27 per acre and
Estimated acreage from Attachment "A" = 1,920 acres

1,920 acres x \$10.27 bid per acre = \$19,718.40 **estimated** total cash bonus bid.

\$19,718.40	estimated total cash bonus bid
x <u>20.0000%</u>	minimum bid deposit required
= \$3,943.68	minimum bid deposit amount
= \$3,944.00	bid deposit after rounding upwards to nearest whole dollar.

7. Under 11 AAC 82.430, joint bids must disclose, and the bid form must be signed by or on behalf of, each person or company which has any working interest in the bid or who will receive any working interest in any lease issued in this sale by virtue of any agreement or understanding, oral or written. This requirement does not mean that persons or companies which are interested in a bid only as stockholders in a corporation must sign the bid and lease form, and does not mean that the designated information must be furnished as to those entities. Joint bids must state the percentage of interest of each bidder and must designate one person who is authorized to receive notices on behalf of all the bidders.
8. Under 11 AAC 82.445, a bid will not be considered unless supported by the bid deposit and the information required, unless any omission is determined by the commissioner or his designee to be immaterial or due to excusable inadvertence, and the omission is corrected within one week following receipt of a notice of deficiency.

Note: Personal checks will not be accepted. No bid for less than a full tract will be considered. Bids with deposits of less than 20.00000% of the estimated total cash bonus bid for the tract will not be accepted.

E. Bid Processing and Reading

Both the North Slope Foothills Areawide Lease Sale 2002 and the Cook Inlet Areawide 2002 will be held on May 1, 2002, in the Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, in Anchorage. Bids will be processed in the following manner:

1. May 1, 2002, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., Unadjudicated bids will be opened and read in public in the Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, in Anchorage, Alaska.
2. May 1, 2002, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Bids will be adjudicated in the Division of Oil and Gas offices.
3. Preliminary Sale Results, including a list of the apparent high bidders, will be posted on the division's website once adjudication has been completed (posting may not occur until May 2, 2002).

The opening and reading of bids is for the sole purpose of publicly announcing bids received. No bids will be officially accepted or rejected at this time.

F. **Method of Handling Bid Deposits and Lease Awards**

1. Bid deposits will be safeguarded against theft, misappropriation and loss. Receipt of a bid deposit by the state does not constitute and shall not be construed as acceptance of any bid on behalf of the state.
2. A bidder submitting a bid that is not the apparent high bid may pick up the bid deposit from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 2, 2002, in Suite 806, of the Atwood Building, located at 550 W. 7th Ave., in Anchorage, Alaska. Bid deposits, which have not been retrieved by 3:00 p.m., May 2, 2002, will be returned to the bidder by mail according to the instructions for return of bid deposit shown on the bid form.
3. All bid deposits for apparent high bids tendered by bank draft, certified check, cashier's check or money order will be presented on May 1, 2002, for payment in federal funds at the First National Bank of Anchorage. Bid deposits tendered in cash will be deposited on May 1, 2002.
4. Upon rejection by the State of Alaska of any apparent high bid which is not in default, the bid deposit for that bid will be returned by certified mail to the bidder at the address shown on the bid form.
5. Once the **Notice to High Bidders** have been issued, DO&G will initiate title reviews for all tracts receiving a high bid. Once title has been cleared and the leaseable acreage for the tract has been determined, DO&G will issue **Award Notices** to the successful bidders. The **Award Notices** will be sent by overnight or express mailing service and will include two copies of the lease for signature. The **Award Notices** will inform the successful bidders of the total actual amount of leaseable acreage within the tracts and the actual total bonus bid for the tracts. The total bonus bid will be determined by multiplying the total leaseable acreage by the bid per acre submitted by the successful bidders.

6. If the total cash bonus bid exceeds the estimated bid deposit then the successful bidders must submit the balance of the total actual cash bonus bid. Within **30 days** of the date that the successful bidders receive notification of the lease award, the bidders must:
 - a. sign both copies of the lease;
 - b. return both lease documents in their entirety to DO&G for execution;
 - c. pay the balance of the cash bonus and accrued interest (if any); and
 - d. pay the first year's annual rental;

Interest at the market interest rate for U.S. Treasury Bills maturing in 30 days (averaged for the week preceding the lease award) will be charged on the balance of the cash bonus accruing from the date following the successful bidders' receipt of the **Award Notice** up to and including the date of payment. Interest must be paid on the balance of the cash bonus only and not on the first year's annual rental.

Payment of the balance of the cash bonus, accrued interest and first year's annual rental **must** be accomplished in the following manner:

The successful bidder will wire transfer federal funds in the amount of the balance of the cash bonus, accrued interest and first year's annual rental to:

State Street Bank and Trust Company
Boston, Massachusetts,
ABA #011000028
For credit to State of Alaska
General Investment Fund, AY01
Account # 00657189
Attn.: Kim Chan, Public Funds

The wire transfer should specify on whose behalf the payment is being made. If possible, bidders should use only one wire transfer. **Interest calculations should be based on a 365-day year times the actual number of days that interest is owed.**

If funds in the amount of the balance of the cash bonus, accrued interest and first year's annual rental are not received by wire transfer at the State Street Bank and Trust Company, or the lease documents are not received by DO&G within 30 days of the date that the bidder receives notification of the lease award, under 11 AAC 82.465 the bid will be in default and the amount deposited with the bid is forfeited to the state.

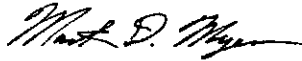
In addition, the successful bidder must, before the wire transfer, deliver to, or facsimile transmit the following information to the Alaska Department of Revenue, Treasury Division, Attn.: Bronze Ickes, Fax #(907) 465-4019, and the Department of Natural Resources, DO&G, Attn: Jim Haynes, Fax (907) 269-8943:

- a. the Alaska Division of Lands (ADL) number assigned to each tract;

- b. amount of balance of cash bonus bid being paid per tract, interest on that balance and annual rental;
- c. name of the bidder whose funds are being wire transferred;
- d. originating bank of the wire transfer; and
- e. total amount of wire transfer.

7. If the bid deposit submitted for a tract exceeds the actual total cash bonus for the tract, a refund of the excess bid deposit will be initiated at the time the Award Notice is issued. No interest will be paid by DNR on excess bid deposit funds.

For further information regarding wire transfers and computation of interest, please contact Bronze Ickes, Accountant III, Treasury Division, Juneau, Alaska (907) 465-2363. For further information regarding either North Slope Foothills Areawide 2002 or Cook Inlet Areawide 2002, please contact James Hansen, DO&G, Anchorage, Alaska (907) 269-8804.



Mark D. Myers,
Director

Attachment A

Estimated Acreage for Tracts in the North Slope Foothills Areawide sale area

<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Estimated Acreage</u>
Tracts 0001 through 0094	5,760 each
Tracts 0095 and 0096	3,840 each
Tracts 0097 through 0314	5,760 each
Tracts 0315 and 0316	3,840 each
Tracts 0317 through 0552	5,760 each
Tract 0553	1,920
Tract 0554	5,760
Tract 0555	1,920
Tracts 0556 through 0711	5,760 each
Tract 0712	2,560
Tract 0713	5,120
Tract 0714	3,200
Tracts 0715 through 0762	5,760 each
Tract 0763	5,120
Tract 0764	3,840
Tract 0765	5,760
Tracts 0766 through 0768	3,840 each
Tracts 0769 through 0780	5,760 each
Tract 0781	3,840
Tracts 0782 through 0800	5,760 each
Tracts 0801 and 0802	3,840 each
Tracts 0803 through 0831	5,760 each
Tract 0832	2,560
Tracts 0833 through 0836	5,760 each
Tracts 0837 and 0838	3,840 each
Tract 0839	5,120
Tracts 0840 through 0871	5,760 each
Tract 0872	2,560
Tracts 0873 through 0895	5,760 each
Tract 0896	5,120
Tract 0897	4,480
Tracts 0898 through 0960	5,760 each
Tract 0961	5,120
Tracts 0962 through 0964	5,760 each
Tracts 0965 and 0966	3,840 each
Tracts 0967 through 1032	5,760 each
Tracts 1033 and 1034	3,840 each
Tracts 1035 through 1100	5,760 each

Tract Number	Estimated Acreage
Tracts 1101 and 1102	3,840 each
Tracts 1103 through 1167	5,760 each
Tracts 1166X and 1167X	1,920 each
Tracts 1168 through 1226	5,760 each
Tracts 1225X and 1226X	1,920 each
Tracts 1227 through 1237	5,760 each
Tract 1238	3,840
Tracts 1239 through 1286	5,760 each
Tracts 1285X and 1286X	1,920 each
Tracts 1287 through 1296	5,760 each
Tract 1297	5,120
Tracts 1298 and 1299	5,760 each
Tract 1300	3,840
Tracts 1301 and 1302	5,760 each
Tracts 1303 and 1304	2,560 each
Tracts 1305 and 1306	5,760 each
Tracts 1307 and 1308	2,560 each
Tracts 1309 and 1310	5,760 each
Tracts 1311 and 1312	2,560 each
Tracts 1313 and 1314	5,760 each
Tracts 1315 and 1316	3,840 each
Tracts 1317 and 1318	5,760 each
Tract 1319	3,840
Tract 1320	2,560
Tracts 1321 and 1322	5,760 each
Tracts 1323 and 1324	3,840 each
Tracts 1325 and 1326	5,760 each
Tracts 1327 and 1328	3,840 each
Tracts 1329 and 1330	5,760 each
Tracts 1331 and 1332	3,840 each
Tracts 1333 and 1334	5,760 each
Tracts 1335 and 1336	3,840 each
Tracts 1337 and 1338	5,760 each
Tract 1338X	1,920
Tract 1339 and 1340	3,840 each
Tracts 1348 through 1353	3,840 each
Tract 1354	4,480
Tract 1355	3,840
Total	7,650,560

Estimated Acreage for Tracts in the Cook Inlet Areawide sale area

<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Estimated Acreage</u>
Tracts 0001 and 0002	3,840 each
Tracts 0003 through 0015	5,760 each
Tract 0016	4,480
Tracts 0017 and 0018	5,760 each
Tract 0019	3,840
Tracts 0020 and 0021	5,760 each
Tract 0022	3,200
Tracts 0023 through 0047	5,760 each
Tract 0048	4,480
Tracts 0049 and 0050	5,120 each
Tract 0051	2,560
Tract 0052	3,840
Tract 0053	2,560
Tract 0054	3,840
Tracts 0055 through 0079	5,760 each
Tract 0080	4,480
Tract 0081	2,560
Tracts 0082 through 0154	5,760 each
Tract 0155	1,920
Tracts 0156 through 0187	5,760 each
Tract 0188	1,920
Tracts 0189 through 0192	5,760 each
Tracts 0193 through 0210	2,560 each
Tracts 0211 through 0224	5,760 each
Tract 0225	3,840
Tract 0226	5,760
Tract 0227	1,920
Tracts 0228 through 0235	5,760 each
Tracts 0236 through 0253	2,560 each
Tracts 0254 through 0270	5,760 each
Tract 0271	640
Tract 0272	5,120
Tract 0273	5,760
Tract 0274	5,120
Tracts 0275 through 0282	5,760 each
Tracts 0283 through 0309	2,560 each

<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Estimated Acreage</u>
Tracts 0310 through 0319	5,760 each
Tract 0320	5,120
Tract 0321	4,480
Tracts 0322 through 0331	3,840 each
Tract 0332	2,560
Tract 0333	3,840
Tract 0334	1,920
Tracts 0335 through 0344	5,760 each
Tracts 0345 through 0380	2,560 each
Tracts 0381 through 0398	5,760 each
Tracts 0399 through 0407	3,840 each
Tract 0408	4,480
Tract 0409	3,840
Tracts 0410 through 0421	5,760 each
Tracts 0422 through 0430	2,560 each
Tract 0431	3,200
Tract 0432	1,920
Tract 0433	1,280
Tracts 0434 through 0443	2,560 each
Tracts 0444 through 0483	5,760 each
Tracts 0484 through 0501	2,560 each
Tracts 0502 and 0503	5,760 each
Tract 0504	3,840
Tract 0505	4,480
Tracts 0506 and 0507	5,760 each
Tract 0508	3,840
Tract 0509	5,120
Tracts 0510 through 0543	5,760 each
Tracts 0544 through 0561	2,560 each
Tracts 0562 through 0598	5,760 each
Tracts 0599 through 0607	2,560 each
Tracts 0608 through 0643	5,760 each
Tracts 0644 through 0652	2,560 each
Tracts 0653 through 0718	5,760 each
Tract 0719	3,840
Tracts 0720 and 0721	5,760 each
Tract 0722	3,840
Tracts 0723 through 0734	5,760 each
Tract 0735	3,840
Tract 0736	2,560
Tracts 0737 and 0738	5,760 each
Tract 0739	3,840

<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Estimated Acreage</u>
Tract 0740	5,760
Tract 0741	3,840
Tracts 0742 and 0743	5,760 each
Tract 0744	3,840
Tracts 0745 through 0756	5,760 each
Tract 0757	3,840
Tract 0758	5,760
Tract 0759	3,840
Tract 0760	4,480
Tract 0761	5,760
Tract 0762	2,560
Tracts 0763 and 0764	3,840 each
Tracts 0765 and 0766	5,760 each
Tract 0767	5,120
Tracts 0768 through 0782	5,760 each
Tract 0783	3,840
Tract 0784	3,200
Tract 0785	3,840
Tracts 0786 through 0806	5,760 each
Tract 0807	1,920
Tract 0808	3,840
Tracts 0809 through 0814	5,760 each
Tract 0815	3,840
Total	4,046,080