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## Instructions to Bidders

**DIVISION OF OIL & GAS** 

#### BEAUFORT SEA AREAWIDE 2010A NORTH SLOPE AREAWIDE 2010 NORTH SLOPE FOOTHILLS AREAWIDE 2010

#### PLEASE READ <u>ALL</u> INSTRUCTIONS <u>CAREFULLY</u>. AN ERROR ON YOUR PART COULD RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING REJECTED.

#### A. Pre-Qualification of Bidders

Bidders <u>must</u> be pre-qualified with the Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G). Corporations, including Limited Liability Companies, must also be qualified with the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (ADCC&ED) to do business in Alaska. Please see <u>www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil/programs/leasing/leaseadmin/qual\_faqs</u> for frequently asked questions on how to qualify. In order for bids to be accepted, the following information and documents <u>must</u> be on file with the DO&G no later than 4:00 p.m., October 22, 2010:

#### 1. Individual

- a. In the case of a person, a signed and dated statement including the bidder's name, current address, telephone number, e-mail address (if available) and a certification that the bidder is of the age of majority and a citizen of the United States or an alien qualified under AS 38.05.190; and
  - 1) 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; or
  - 2) In the case of an agent acting on behalf of an individual, an original or certified copy of a notarized power of attorney.

# Note: If an individual has already qualified in a previous lease sale or through an assignment of interest in a lease they need to insure that all information on file with the DO&G is current.

#### 2. Corporation

- a. In the case of a corporation, the corporation's current name, mailing address, phone and fax number, and e-mail addresses; and
  - 1) A list of the individuals authorized to act on its behalf with respect to the bid; and
  - 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; and

- 3)\* A **2010** Certificate of Compliance (Certificate of Good Standing) for a corporation qualified to do business in Alaska or, if qualifying for a lease sale for the first time, either:
  - (a) A Certificate of Authority for a foreign corporation (Certificate of Registration for a foreign LLC) qualified to do business in Alaska. A foreign corporation is a corporation incorporated outside Alaska; or
  - (b) A Certificate of Incorporation for a domestic corporation (Certificate of Organization for a domestic LLC) qualified to do business in Alaska.

The Certificate of Compliance (Certificate of Good Standing) provides written proof that the corporation has paid all taxes/fees, complied with all applicable laws and thus remains qualified to do business in the state. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the required certificate is filed with the DO&G.

\* The required Alaska certificates must be requested from the ADCC&ED. You may purchase the certificates online at <u>http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ</u>. For information on obtaining a certificate by mail, write the ADCC&ED, Corporations Section; PO Box 110808, Juneau, AK 99811-0808, email corporations@alaska.gov or call (907) 465-2530. Upon proper application, the ADCC&ED will issue the requested certificate. If not purchased online, please allow <u>10 days</u> for the processing of the certificate.

3. Partnership, joint venture, or other unincorporated association

A partnership, joint venture, or other unincorporated association must file a statement describing the business relationship between the members of the association, joint venture or partnership; and the documents required for individuals or corporations for each participant as appropriate. Limited Partnerships: Before transacting business in this state, a foreign limited partnership shall register through the ADCC&ED at their web site: www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/home corporations. (AS 32.11.420)

Materials previously filed with the DO&G, if current and accurate, may be used by referring to the filing date of the previously filed material and by providing a statement as to any material changes or amendments.

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all pre-qualification requirements are fulfilled. Failure to provide the 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 Dawn Greenan at (907) 269-0138 or dawn.greenan@alaska.gov.

#### B. Preparing Bids for Submission

- 1. Bids for Beaufort Sea Areawide 2010A (BS 2010A), North Slope Areawide 2010 (NS 2010), and North Slope Foothills Areawide 2010 (FH 2010) Oil and Gas Lease Salesmust be submitted on a <u>Bid Form For Areawide Oil & Gas Lease Sale</u> (Revised 2/09) or an exact copy of that form.
- 2. The bid form must be completely filled out. The section identifying the bidder or bidder's agent must indicate the bidder or agent's name (and company if applicable), both physical and mailing addresses, telephone number and e-mail address. 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 that 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. All lease interest percentages must be represented by a number with no more than five decimal places (with no rounding). Bids with fractional lease interests must be expressed in decimals of no more than five digits without rounding. The sum of all ownerships for each bid should equal 100.00000 percent.

- 3. Each bid must include the Total Bid Per Acre, Total Estimated Bonus Bid, and a deposit by cash, money order, cashier's check or certified check in U.S dollars that must equal <u>a</u> <u>minimum of 20% of the Total Estimated Bonus Bid</u> being offered for the tract. Checks must be drawn on any solvent bank in the United States. Make checks and money orders payable to the "Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska".
- 4. For the purposes of formulating bids, bidders are required to calculate the Total Estimated 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.

Sample Total Estimated Bonus Bid/Minimum Bid Deposit Calculation:

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

1,920 acres x \$10.27 bid per acre = \$19,718.40 Total Estimated Bonus Bid

	\$19,718.40	Total Estimated Bonus Bid
x	20%	minimum bid deposit required
=	\$3,943.68	minimum bid deposit amount
=	\$3,944.00	bid deposit after rounding upwards to nearest whole dollar.

All bid deposit calculations that result in sums containing fractions of less than one dollar should be rounded <u>upwards</u> to the nearest <u>whole dollar</u> in order to ensure that a minimum of 20% of the total estimated bid is being tendered.

5. Each bid must be submitted separately in a single envelope. Each envelope should contain only one bid for one tract and be marked, as appropriate:

State of Alaska, Beaufort Sea Areawide Lease Sale 2010A Not to be opened until 9:00 a.m., October 27, 2010; Tract #\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: No other markings should appear on the outside of the bid envelope(s). Personal checks will not be accepted. No bid for less than a full tract will be considered. Bids with deposits of less than 20% of the estimated total cash bonus bid for the tract will not be accepted. Bids for less than the minimum bid specified in the Sale Announcement will be rejected.

#### C. Bid Submission

Hand-carried bids will be received for these sales on <u>October 25, 2010</u> in the DO&G's offices in Suite 800 of the Atwood Building, located at 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. Mailed bids and bids sent by delivery service must be sent to the Director, Attn: Lease Sales, DO&G, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 800, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3560.

The division must receive all bids no later than 4:00 p.m. October 25, 2010. Bids arriving prior to October 25, 2010, will be held by the DO&G until 9:00 a.m. October 25, 2010, and will be officially received at that time. Information regarding the bids will be held confidential until the day of the sale. **BIDS RECEIVED AFTER 4:00 p.m. OCTOBER 25, 2010 WILL BE REJECTED.** 

Submitted bids may be withdrawn prior to 9:00 a.m. October 27, 2010 without forfeiting the bid deposit. A bid deposit will be forfeited on any bid withdrawn after bid opening and prior to issuance of Award Notices.

#### D. Bid Processing and Reading

The BS 2010A, NS 2010, and FH 2010 lease sales will be held on October 27, 2010, in the auditorium of the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, located at 625 C Street in Anchorage. Please note the new location. Bids will be processed in the following manner:

- 1. October 27, 2010, 9:00 a.m. bids will be opened and read in public in the auditorium of the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, located at 625 C Street in Anchorage. Bid opening may take one hour or longer, depending on the amount of bids received.
- 2. October 27 (upon return from sale) approx. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m., and October 28, 2010, 8:00 a.m. until completed 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 DO&G's website at <u>www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil</u> once bid adjudication has been completed.
- 4. A bidder submitting a bid that is not the apparent high bid may pick up their bid deposit between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on October 29, 2010, in Suite 800 of the Atwood Building, located at 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Anchorage, Alaska. Bid deposits that have not been retrieved by 3:00 p.m., October 29, 2010, will be returned to the bidder by mail according to the instructions for return of bid deposit shown on the bid form.
- 5. All bid deposits for an apparent high bid tendered in cash or by certified check, cashier's check or money order will be presented (dependent upon final adjudication) on October 28, 2010, for payment in federal funds at the First National Bank of Anchorage.

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.

For Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sales, successful bidders will be determined based on the <u>HIGHEST Total Bid Per Acre</u> for each tract, not the highest Total Estimated Bonus Bid for the tract.

#### E. Method of Handling Bids Following the Sale

- The bidder submitting a valid bid representing the highest Total Bid Per Acre will be the apparent high bidder. Once the commissioner accepts the apparent high bids and bid deposits, the high bidders will then receive a Notice to High Bidder informing them of the commissioner's acceptance of their apparent high bid and bid deposit. Please note that this may take several weeks.
- 2. Once the Notice to High Bidders has been issued, the DO&G will initiate a title and survey review for each tract receiving a high bid. Once the title review has been completed and the Cadastral Survey Section has determined leaseable acreage for the tract, the DO&G will issue Award Notices to the successful bidders. The Award Notices will inform the successful bidders of the actual total amount of leaseable acreage within the tracts and the actual total bonus bid amounts for the tracts.

# Note: Failure to comply with the Award Notice may place your bid in default. If you default on a bid, you will forfeit your bid deposit.

#### Note: The title and survey review may take several months for completion.

For further information regarding these areawide sales, please contact Holly Poydack at holly.poydack@alaska.gov or (907) 269-8757.

Kin R. Barles

Kevin R. Banks Director

# Attachment A

### Estimated Acreage for Tracts offered in Beaufort Sea Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2010A

Tract Number	Estimated Acreage
1	2,560
2	
	5,120 each
7	
8	
9	4,480
10	•
	5,120 each
13	
14	
15 and 16	5,120 each
17 and 18	5,760 each
19	•
20	2,560
21	4,480
22	,
	5,120 each
	4,480 each
27 through 39	
-	5,120 each
45	
46	,
47	•
48	•
49	•
	3,840 each
52	
	3,840 each
	5,760 each
57	
58	
59	•
60	
61	
62	•
67	
	5,120 each
	4,480 each
72 73 and 74	
75 anu 74	
76	•

Tract Number	Estimated Acreage
77 through 115	deferred
116	
117 through 121	deferred
122	2,560
123 through 124	deferred
125 through 126	
127	
128	•
129 through 130	•
	2,560 each
	1,920 each
5	2,560 each
174	
175	•
176	
	2,560 each
192	
193	•
194	,
195	
204	
205	•
206	•
	2,560 each
207 through 221	2,000 each
223	•
224	
225	•
	•
226 227	
	,
235	2,560 each
238	
	2,560 each
250	1,920 2.560 aaab
253	
	1,920 each
289	

290	2,560
291	•
292	1,920
Tract Number	Estimated Acreage
293 through 295	2,560 each
296	
297 through 302	2,560 each
303	
304 through 321	
322	
323	
324 through 332	
333	
334	
335 through 352	
353	
354 through 368	
369 and 370	
371	
372 through 384	
385	
386 through 402	
403	
404	
405 and 406	,
407	
408 through 414 415 through 417	
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418 through 425 426 and 427	2,500 each
428 through 430	
431	
432 and 433	,
434	
435 through 440	
441	
442 through 448	
449	
450	
451 through 453	
454	
455	
456	
457 through 459	2,560 each
460 through 463	
464	
465	
466	
467	
468 and 469	5,120 each

470	3,840
471	
<u>472</u>	Estimated Acreage
473	,
	5,760 each
483	
484	
485	,
486	,
487	•
488	
469 through 493 494	5,760 each
494	
496	•
497	,
498	
499	
500 through 509	5,760 each
510	5,120
	5,760 each
513	
	4,480 each
	5,120 each
	4,480 each 3,840 each
520 through 522	
	5,120 each
526	
	5,760 each
530	
531 through 538	5,760 each
539	
540	,
541	
542	
	5,120 each 5,760 each
545 and 546	
548	•
549	
550	
551	,
552	
553	
554	•
555	
556	
557 through 573	deterred

# Attachment A

# Estimated Acreage for Tracts offered in North Slope Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2010

Tract Number	Estimated Acreage
1	
2	
	5,760 each
89	
90	,
91	
	5,760 each
178	
179	,
	5,760 each
262	
263	
264	,
	5,120 each
267	
268	
	5,760 each
351	
352	,
	5,760 each
433	
	5,760 each
519	
	5,760 each
-	
602 603	•
	•
604	
605	
	4,480 each
608	
609	•
C10 and C11	Estimated Acreage
	3,840 each
612 and 613	

614	
615 through 652	5,760 each
653 through 733	
734	
735 through 742	2.560 each
743 through 744	deferred
745	
746	,
747 through 751	
752	
753 through 889	
890 through 892	
893 through 897	
898 through 904	
<b>u</b>	
905 through 906	
907 through 916	
917	•
918	640
919 through 923	2,560 each
924	
925	
926	•
927	
928 through 935	
936	deferred
937 through 1031	2,560 each
1032	1,280
1033	2,560
1034	1,920
1035	2,560
1036	
1037 through 1133	
1134	
1135 through 1144	2.560 each
1145 and 1146	
1147 through 1225	
	2,000 0001

# Attachment A

#### Estimated Acreage for Tracts offered in North Slope Foothills Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2010

Tract Number	Estimated Acreage	Tract Number Es	stimated Acreage
	5,760 each	872	
95		873	
	5,760 each	874	•
98	•	875 through 895	
	5,760 each	896 and 897	
-		898 through 964	,
	5,760 each	965 and 966	
-			
553		967 through 1032	
554	•	1033 and 1034	
555	•	1035 through 1100	
	5,760 each	1101 and 1102	
712	•	1103 through 1237	
713	,	1238	
714		1239 through 1296	5,760 each
715 through 746	5,760 each	1297	5,120
747 through 754	deleted from	1298 and 1299	5,760 each
-	sale area	1300	3,840
755	5,760	1301 and 1302	5,760 each
756	•	1303 and 1304	
757		1305 and 1306	
	5,760 each	1307 and 1308	
763		1309 and 1310	•
764	•	1311 and 1312	
765	•	1313 and 1314	•
		1315 and 1316	
768		1317 and 1318	
		1319	
		1319	•
781			,
	5,760 each	1321 and 1322	
	5,120 each	1323 and 1324	
800	5,760	1325 and 1326	,
	3,840 each	1327 and 1328	
-	5,760 each	1329 and 1330	•
824		1331 and 1332	
825 and 826	5,760 each	1333 and 1334	
827		1335 and 1336	3,840 each
828 and 829	5,760 each	1337 and 1339	5,760
830	5,120	1340	3,840
830	5,760	1341 through 1347	deleted from
832		C C	sale area
833		1348 through 1355	3.840 each
	5,120 each	1356 through 1382	
837			sale area
838	•	1383 through 1389	
	5,760 each		