

## **Department of Natural Resources**

**Division of Oil and Gas** 

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July 20, 2008

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## **Instructions to Bidders**

#### BEAUFORT SEA AREAWIDE 2008 NORTH SLOPE AREAWIDE 2008

### 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

In order for bids to be accepted, bidders <u>must</u> be pre-qualified with the Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G) no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 20, 2008. To pre-qualify, the following information and documents <u>must</u> be on file with <u>DO&G</u>:

- 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 used) 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 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
    - 2) 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 <u>2008</u> 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

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(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 DO&G.

NOTE: The required Alaska certificates must be requested from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, (DCC&ED). You may purchase the certificates online at www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/. For information on obtaining a certificate by mail, write the DCC&ED, Corporations Section; PO Box 110808, Juneau, AK 99811-0808, email: corporations@commerce.state.ak.us or call (907 465-2530. Upon proper application, DCC&ED will issue the requested certificate. If not purchased online, please allow <u>ten 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.

Materials previously filed with 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 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 (BS) 2008 and North Slope Areawide (NS) 2008 must be submitted on a <u>Bid Form For Areawide Oil & Gas Lease Sale</u> (Revised 1/08) 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 in cash, by money order, cashier's check or certified check in U.S dollars that must equal <u>a minimum of 20.00000% 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	20.00000%	minimum bid deposit required
=	\$3,943.68	minimum bid deposit amount
=	\$3,944.00	bid deposit after <b>rounding upwards</b> 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 20.00000% 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 2008 Not to be opened until 9:00 a.m., October 22, 2008; Tract #\_\_\_\_\_

or

State of Alaska, North Slope Areawide Lease Sale 2008 Not to be opened until 9:00 a.m., October 22, 2008; Tract #\_\_\_\_\_

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 20.00000% 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.

#### D. Bid Submission

Hand-carried bids will be received for these sales on <u>October 20, 2008</u> in 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, 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 20, 2008. Bids arriving prior to October 20, 2008, will be held by DO&G until 9:00 a.m. October 20, 2008, 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. (ADT), October 20, 2008 WILL BE REJECTED

#### E. Bid Processing and Reading

Both the BS 2008 and the NS 2008 lease sales will be held on October 22, 2008, in the Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, in Anchorage. Bids will be processed in the following manner:

- 1. October 22, 2008, 9:00 a.m. bids will be opened and read in public in Anchorage at the Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street. Bid opening may take one hour or longer, depending on the amount of bids received.
- 2. October 22 (upon return from sale) approx. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m., and October 23, 2008, 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 division's website at <u>http://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 24, 2008, 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 24, 2008, 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 22, 2008, 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.

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

- 1. 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, 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, 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 either areawide sale, please contact Dianna Lewis, DO&G, Anchorage, Alaska (907) 269-8810, email: dianna.lewis@alaska.gov, or Tim Jones (907) 269-8814, email: timothy.jones@alaska.gov.

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Kevin R. Banks Acting Director

# Attachment A

## Estimated Acreage for Tracts offered in Beaufort Sea Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sales

Tract Number Estimat	ted Acreage
Tract <b>001</b>	2,560
Tract <b>002</b>	3,840
Tracts 003 through 006	5,120 each
Tract <b>007</b>	3,840
Tract <b>008</b>	3,200
Tract <b>009</b>	4,480
Tract <b>010</b>	2,560
Tracts <b>011</b> and <b>012</b>	5,120 each
Tract <b>013</b>	4,480
Tract <b>014</b>	3,200
Tracts <b>015</b> and <b>016</b>	5,120 each
Tracts <b>017</b> and <b>018</b>	5,760 each
Tract <b>019</b>	4,480
Tract <b>020</b>	2,560
Tract <b>021</b>	4,480
Tract <b>022</b>	2,560
Tracts <b>023</b> and <b>024</b>	5,120 each
Tracts <b>025</b> and <b>026</b>	4,480 each
Tracts <b>027</b> and <b>028</b>	5,760 each
Tract <b>029</b>	4,480
Tract <b>030</b>	3,840
Tracts <b>031</b> and <b>032</b>	<b>4,480</b> each
Tracts 033 through 039	5,760 each
Tracts 040 through 044	<b>5,120</b> each
Tract <b>045</b>	5,760
Tract <b>046</b>	3,840
Tract <b>047</b>	5,760
Tract <b>048</b>	3,840
Tract <b>049</b>	3,200
Tracts <b>050</b> and <b>051</b>	<b>3,840</b> each
Tract <b>052</b>	5,760
Tracts <b>053</b> and <b>054</b>	<b>3,840</b> each
Tracts <b>055</b> and <b>056</b>	<b>5,760</b> each
Tract <b>057</b>	5,120
Tract <b>058</b>	3,840
Tract <b>059</b>	5,120
Tract <b>060</b>	3,200
Tract <b>061</b>	4,480

Tract Number Estimat	ed Acreage
Tract <b>062</b>	2,560
Tracts 063 through 066	3,840 each
Tract <b>067</b>	5,760
Tracts <b>068</b> and <b>069</b>	5,120 each
Tracts <b>070</b> and <b>071</b>	4,480 each
Tract <b>072</b>	5,120
Tracts <b>073</b> and <b>074</b>	<b>3,200</b> each
Tract <b>075</b>	4,480
Tract <b>076</b>	2,560
Tracts <b>077</b> and <b>078</b>	5,760 each
Tract <b>079</b>	40
Tracts 080 through 114	2,560 each
Tract <b>115</b>	3,200
Tracts <b>116</b> through <b>126</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>127</b>	3,200
Tracts 128 through 152	2,560 each
Tracts <b>153</b> through <b>155</b>	<b>1,920</b> each
Tracts <b>156</b> through <b>173</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>174</b>	1,920
Tract <b>175</b>	3,200
Tract <b>176</b>	1,920
Tracts 177 through 191	2,560 each
Tract <b>192</b>	1,920
Tract <b>192</b>	1,280
Tract <b>195</b>	2,560
Tract <b>195</b>	3,200
Tracts <b>196</b> through <b>203</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>204</b>	1,920
Tract <b>205</b>	2,560
Tract <b>205</b>	1,920
Tracts 207 through 221	2,560 each
Tract <b>222</b>	2,500 cach 3,200
Tract <b>223</b>	<b>1,920</b>
Tract <b>223</b>	2,560
Tract 225	3,200
Tract <b>225</b>	<b>2,560</b>
Tract <b>220</b>	2,300 1,920
	<b>2,560</b> each
Tracts <b>228</b> through <b>234</b> Tract <b>235</b>	2,500 each 640
Tracts 236 and 237	
	2,560 each
Tract 238	3,200 2,560 aaab
Tracts 239 through 249 Tract 250	2,560 each
	1,920 2,560 aaab
Tracts 251 and 252	2,560 each
Tract <b>253</b>	1,920

Tract Number Estimat	ed Acreage
Tracts 254 through 276	2,560 each
Tracts 277 and 278	1,920 each
Tracts <b>279</b> through <b>288</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>289</b>	1,280
Tract <b>290</b>	2,560
Tract <b>290</b>	<i>,</i>
	1,280
Tract <b>292</b>	1,920
Tracts <b>293</b> through <b>295</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>296</b>	1,920
Tracts <b>297</b> through <b>302</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>303</b>	1,280
Tracts 304 through 321	<b>2,560</b> each
Tract <b>322</b>	3,200
Tract <b>323</b>	1,920
Tracts <b>324</b> through <b>332</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>333</b>	1,280
Tract <b>334</b>	3,200
Tracts 335 through 352	2,560 each
Tract <b>353</b>	3,840
Tracts 354 through 368	2,560 each
Tracts <b>369</b> and <b>370</b>	1,920 each
Tract <b>371</b>	1,280
Tracts 372 through 384	2,560 each
Tract <b>385</b>	3,200
Tracts <b>386</b> through <b>402</b>	2,560 each
Tract 403	3,200
Tract <b>404</b>	1,920
Tracts <b>405</b> and <b>406</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>407</b>	1,920
11000 101	<b>2,560</b> each
Tracts <b>408</b> through <b>414</b>	
Tracts <b>415</b> through <b>417</b>	3,840 each
Tracts <b>418</b> through <b>425</b>	2,560 each
Tracts <b>426</b> and <b>427</b>	3,200 each
Tracts <b>428</b> through <b>430</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>431</b>	3,840
Tracts <b>432</b> and <b>433</b>	<b>1,920</b> each
Tract <b>434</b>	3,200
Tracts <b>435</b> through <b>440</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>441</b>	3,200
Tracts 442 through 453	2,560 each
Tract <b>454</b>	3,840
Tract <b>455</b>	2,560
Tract <b>456</b>	3,200
Tracts 457 through 459	2,560 each
Tracts 460 through 463	5,760 each
Tract <b>464</b>	3,840
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Tract Number Estimat	ted Acreage
Tract <b>465</b>	5,760
Tract <b>466</b>	3,840
Tract <b>467</b>	5,760
Tracts <b>468</b> and <b>469</b>	5,120 each
Tract <b>470</b>	3,840
Tract <b>471</b>	2,560
Tract <b>472</b>	,
	3,200
Tract <b>473</b>	1,920
Tracts 474 through 482	5,760 each
Tract <b>483</b>	4,480
Tract <b>484</b>	2,560
Tract <b>485</b>	5,760
Tract <b>486</b>	4,480
Tract <b>487</b>	5,760
Tract <b>488</b>	1,920
Tracts <b>489</b> through <b>493</b>	5,760 each
Tract <b>494</b>	5,120
Tract <b>495</b>	3,200
Tract <b>496</b>	5,760
Tract <b>497</b>	4,480
Tract <b>498</b>	5,120
Tract <b>499</b>	3,200
Tracts 500 through 509	5,760 each
Tract <b>510</b>	5,120
Tracts <b>511</b> and <b>512</b>	5,760 each
Tract <b>513</b>	,
	5,120
Tracts 514 and 515	4,480 each
Tracts <b>516</b> and <b>517</b>	5,120 each
Tracts <b>518</b> and <b>519</b>	<b>4,480</b> each
Tracts <b>520</b> through <b>522</b>	<b>3,840</b> each
Tract <b>523</b>	2,560
Tracts <b>524</b> and <b>525</b>	<b>5,120</b> each
Tract <b>526</b>	3,840
Tracts 527 through 529	<b>5,760</b> each
Tract <b>530</b>	3,840
Tracts 531 through 538	5,760 each
Tract <b>539</b>	2,560
Tract <b>540</b>	1,920
Tract <b>541</b>	5,760
Tract <b>542</b>	4,480
Tracts <b>543</b> and <b>544</b>	5,120 each
Tracts <b>545</b> and <b>546</b>	5,760 each
Tract 547	2,560
Tract <b>548</b>	4,480
Tract <b>549</b>	<b>5,760</b>
Tract <b>550</b>	
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Tract Number	Estimated Acreage
Tract 551	4,480
Tract <b>552</b>	5,120
Tract 553	3,840
Tract <b>554</b>	5,120
Tract 555	5,760
Tract <b>556</b>	5,120
Tract <b>557</b>	2,560
Tracts 558 and 559	<b>5,120</b> each
Tract 560	5,760
Tracts 561 through	n 563 5,120 each
Tract <b>564</b>	4,480
Tract 565	2,560
Tract 566	3,200
Tract 567	5,120
Tracts 568 through	n 571 5,120 each
Tract <b>572</b>	3,200
Tract <b>573</b>	5,120

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Tract Number	Estimated Acreage
Tract 0001	5,120
Tract <b>0002</b>	3,840
Tracts 0003 through	,
Tract <b>0089</b>	5,120
Tract <b>0090</b>	5,760
Tract <b>0091</b>	3,840
Tracts 0092 through	,
Tracts <b>0176</b> and <b>017</b>	·
Tract 0178	5,760
Tract 0179	4,480
Tracts 0180 through	,
Tract <b>0262</b>	3,840
Tract 0263	3,200
Tract <b>0264</b>	5,760
Tracts 0265 and 026	6 5,120 each
Tract <b>0267</b>	5,760
Tract <b>0268</b>	3,840
Tracts 0269 through	0350 5,760 each
Tract <b>0351</b>	3,840
Tract 0352	1,920
Tracts 0353 through	0432 5,760 each
Tract <b>0433</b>	4,480
Tracts 0434 through	<b>0437 3,840</b> each
Tracts 0438 through	<b>0518 5,760</b> each
Tract 0519	3,840
Tracts 0520 through	<b>0601 5,760</b> each
Tract <b>0602</b>	5,120
Tract 0603	5,760
Tract <b>0604</b>	3,840
Tract <b>0605</b>	3,200
Tracts 0606 and 060	7 <b>4,480</b> each
Tract 0608	3,840
Tract <b>0609</b>	5,120
Tracts <b>0610</b> and <b>061</b>	<b>1 3,840</b> each
Tract <b>0612</b>	5,120
Tract <b>0613</b>	5,120
Tract <b>0614</b>	3,840
Tracts 0615 through	
Tracts 0653 through	
Tract <b>0745</b>	3,200
Tract <b>0746</b>	1,920
Tracts <b>0747</b> through	
Tract <b>0752</b>	1,920

Tract Number	<b>Estimated Acreage</b>
Tracts <b>0753</b> through <b>0913</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>0914</b>	1,920
Tract <b>0915</b>	2,560
Tract <b>0916</b>	3,200
Tract <b>0917</b>	1,920
Tract <b>0918</b>	640
Tracts <b>0919</b> through <b>0923</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>0924</b>	1,920
Tracts <b>0925</b> and <b>0926</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>0927</b>	1,280
Tracts <b>0928</b> through <b>1031</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>1032</b>	1,280
Tract <b>1033</b>	2,560
Tract <b>1034</b>	1,920
Tract <b>1035</b>	2,560
Tract <b>1036</b>	640
Tracts <b>1037</b> through <b>1133</b>	2,560 each
Tract <b>1134</b>	1,280
Tract <b>1135</b> through <b>1225</b>	2,560 each