

How do I participate in the bidding process?

To participate in the bidding process, you must register and get a bidding number. Forms will be available at the registration table. You must display your bidding number to the auctioneer when you submit a bid.

What is the sale process?

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the sale:

- The auctioneer will offer the parcels in the order they are shown in the attached list;
- All bids are on a per-acre basis for the entire acreage in the parcel;
- The successful bid is the highest oral bid equal to or exceeding the minimum acceptable bid; and
- The decision of the auctioneer is final. However, if you believe the auctioneer has made an error or not acknowledged your bid, you must immediately make your concerns known to the auctioneer. Once the auctioneer has opened the bidding on the next parcel available for an oil and gas lease, the decisions made on the previous parcels offered are final.

The minimum bid BLM can accept is \$2 per acre. If a parcel contains fractional acreage, round it up to the next whole acre. For example, a parcel of 100.32 acres requires a minimum bid of \$202 (\$2 x 101 acres). After we have offered all the parcels, you may ask the auctioneer to re-offer any unsold parcels.

What conditions apply to the lease sale?

- **Parcel withdrawal or sale cancellation:** We reserve the right to withdraw any or all parcels before the sale begins. If we withdraw a parcel, we will post a notice in the Oregon State Office Land Office (Public Room) before the day of the sale. We will announce withdrawn parcels before beginning the sale. If we cancel the sale, we will notify you as soon as possible.
- **Cellular Phone Usage:** You are restricted from using cellular phones in the sale room during the oral auction. You must confine your cellular phone usage to the hallway outside the sale room when the auction is taking place.
- **Fractional interests:** If the United States owns less than 100 percent of the oil and gas interest for the land in a parcel, we will show that information with the parcel. When we issue the lease, it will be for the percentage or fraction of interest the United States owns. However, you must calculate your bonus bid and advance rental payment on the gross acreage in the parcel, not the United States' oil and gas net interest. For example, if a parcel contains 200 acres and the United States own 50 percent of the oil and gas mineral interest, the minimum bonus bid will be \$400 (\$2 X 200 acres) and the advance annual rental will be \$300 (\$1.50 X 200 acres) for the first 5 years and \$400 (\$2 X 200 acres) for the remainder of the lease term. Conversely, your chargeable acreage and royalty on production will be calculated on the United States' oil and gas net interest.
- **Payment due:** You cannot withdraw a bid. Your bid is a legal binding commitment to sign the bid form, accept the lease, and pay the money due on the day of the sale. You may pay immediately after the sale, or you may pay within one hour after the close of the sale at our Land Office on the 1st floor of the State Office.

If you are the successful high bidder on a parcel, the money due the day of the sale is the minimum bid of \$2 per acre, the first year's rent (\$1.50 per acre), and the administrative fee (\$130). You may pay the total due the day of the sale, or you may pay the balance of the bonus bid due by the close of business on

