

INVITATION FOR BIDS AND BID INSTRUCTIONS

Effective Monday, February 6, 2012, BLM will accept written sealed bids to purchase the following parcel of public land in Santa Clara County, California, Mount Diablo Meridian:

PARCEL #	Legal Description	Acreage	Appraised Value and Minimum Bid
CACA 50168-4	T.10S., R.2E., sec.5, Lot 2	23.42 acres	\$135,000.00

This parcel would be conveyed with a reservation of a right-of-way to the United States for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States (U.S.) under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C 945) as well as subject to an existing right-of-way to Morgan Hill Top 40, CACA-052769 for road access across this parcel. This parcel lacks legal access and will be conveyed as such.

Beginning Monday, February 6, 2012, BLM will accept sealed bids at the Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023 until 3 p.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. BLM will open bids at 9 a.m. Pacific Time on Thursday, February 23, 2012. Bidders do not need to be present when BLM opens bids. If this parcel does not receive an acceptable bid, it may be available for sale under procedures to be established by BLM. BLM may at its sole discretion cancel bidding at any time.

SEALED BIDS

Effective Monday, February 6, 2012, BLM will accept written sealed bids at the Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023 for the parcel shown above.

- Bid packages will include: **Sale Bid Form and Certificate of Eligibility, and bid deposit.**
- **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY**

This form is used to determine eligibility to acquire Federal lands. The Certificate of Eligibility must be completed in its entirety and signed.

If you are bidding as an individual, partnership, corporation, etc., check the appropriate space. Proof of qualifications of citizenship, corporation or partnership must be provided prior to patent issuance. Print your name and/or corporation, partnership or government entity as it would be shown on the patent.

NOTE: Under Federal law, public lands may only be conveyed to U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older; a corporation subject to the laws of any State or of the United States; a State, State instrumentality, or political subdivision authorized to hold property, or an entity legally capable of conveying and holding lands under the laws of the State of California.

The BLM reserves the right to require proof of the high bidder's qualifications to acquire public land.

- **BID FORM**

Use the **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY AND SALE BID FORM** to submit a written sealed bid.

BLM has preprinted the parcel information on the bid form.

The minimum bid is the appraised value of the parcel. Enter the total amount of your bid, which would be at least the minimum bid or higher.

The total amount of the **BID DEPOSIT** must be 10 percent of the Amount of Bid in the form of certified check, money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable in U.S. dollars to the Bureau of Land Management.

- The envelope containing the **bid package** should be enclosed in a separate envelope addressed to the **BLM Hollister Field Office – Attention Land Sale, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023**.
- Please indicate the parcel number CACA-50168-4, along with the date you mailed or submitted the bid on the lower front left hand corner of the inside envelope. The BLM will date stamp the outside of the sealed-bid envelope upon receipt.
- Sealed bids must be received at the Hollister Field Office no later than **3 p.m. Pacific Time, Wednesday, February 22, 2012**. As a precaution, you may wish to send your bid by certified mail as proof of mailing.

DETERMINATION OF HIGH BIDDER

- The highest qualifying bid for any parcel will be declared the high bid and the high bidder will receive written notice. Bidders do not need to be present when BLM opens the bids.
- In case of a tie in sealed bids for high bid, the high bidders will be notified and allowed to submit additional bids.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE HIGH BIDDER & POST SALE ACTIONS

- The remainder of the full bid price for each parcel must be paid within 180 calendar days of the sale date (the date BLM opened your bid) in the form of a certified check, money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable in U.S. dollars to the Bureau of Land Management. Failure to pay the full price within the 180 days will disqualify the apparent high bidder and cause the entire bid deposit to be forfeited to the BLM.
- A bid to purchase the land will constitute an application for conveyance of the federal mineral interests, which BLM has concluded have no known value. In conjunction with the final payment, the high bidder will be required to pay a \$50 non-refundable filing fee for processing the conveyance of the mineral interests.
- The BLM will return checks submitted by unsuccessful bidders by U.S. mail or in person on the day of the sale.
- The BLM may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any parcel of land or interest therein from sale, if, in the opinion of the BLM authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA or other applicable law or is determined to not be in the public interest.

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY AND SALE BID FORM

United States Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

INDIVIDUAL () I certify under 43 CFR 2711.2 that I am a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older and under 43 CFR 20.401 am not an employee of the U.S. Department of the Interior. *Note: Individuals taking title together should check "Individual" box and each sign below*

PARTNERSHIP () I certify under 43 CFR 2711.2 that I am qualified as specified above for an individual. In addition, I certify that I am duly authorized by the partnership to bind the partnership to a bid for purchase of the real estate identified above, or that all members necessary to legally bind the partnership have signed below to bind the partnership to a bid for the real estate identified above. I (we) certify that the partnership is legally capable of conveying and holding lands or interests therein under the laws of California.

CORPORATION () I certify under 43 CFR 2711.2 that the corporation named below is organized under and subject to the laws of the United States or any state thereof. In addition, I certify that I am duly authorized by the corporation to bid for purchase of the real estate lands or interest therein under the laws of California.

GOVERNMENT ENTITY () I certify under 43 CFR 2711.2 that the entity named below is a state, or political subdivision thereof, and that this entity is authorized to hold property. I certify that I am duly authorized buy the named entity to bind the entity to a bid for purchase of the real estate.

_____	_____
Print Name of Individual or Corporation Name	Signature
_____	_____
Street Address (patent will be sent to this address)	Date
_____	_____
City, State, Zip	Contact Name and phone number

Information requested on this form is done so in accordance with The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552A) as amended, for the purpose of registering you as a bidder for BLM's sealed bid land sale auction.

BID FORM

This is a bid for Parcel # CACA 50168-4, described as T.10S., R.2E., sec.5, Lot 2.

Amount of Bid \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed* \$ _____

(* Total Amount Enclosed must be 10 percent of the Amount of Bid in the form of certified check, money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable in U.S. dollars to the Bureau of Land Management.)