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State Land Commissioner offers border wall parcel for sale

SANTA FE, NM – State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn is selling approximately 7.25 acres of state trust lands along the U.S./Mexico border, containing the border wall and roadway.

Commissioner Dunn invites those who wish to own their own piece of the border wall to come on down and bid on the property – which is priced less than the cost of a new pickup truck.

The Commissioner will be conducting an oral auction of the tract – a 60-foot wide swath located in Dona Ana County –on the front steps of the Dona Ana County Courthouse at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3. Prospective bidders are required to submit a completed purchase application, deposit check, and letter of credit (or letter of bank commitment) prior to the auction. Alternatively, bidders may hand deliver the requisite documents to the eastern entrance of the Dona Ana Courthouse between 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on the day of the auction. Commissioner Dunn has set the minimum bid at \$40,000.

The land is offered “As Is” and transfer of the land is subject to all valid leases, easements and other encumbrances; prospective bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on the land. Bidders are also responsible for performing their own due diligence and for becoming fully familiar with the condition of the land and any applicable restrictions or other conditions that might affect its use.

Bidders who wish to inspect the land must obtain NMSLO permission before doing so.

NMSLO would retain rights to all geothermal resources, minerals and certain water rights on the parcel.

Detailed information is included in the Bid Information Packet, which is available: online at www.nmstatelands.org; by written request to NMSLO, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504, Attention Craig Johnson, Acting Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Resources Division; via telephone at (505) 827-3827; in person at 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501; or via e-mail at cjohnson@slo.state.nm.us.

Oil, gas, and mineral production, ranching and farming, and commercial development on State Trust Lands support public schools, seven universities, New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico School for the Deaf, New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, three hospitals, correctional facilities, water conservation projects, and public building construction and repair. In fiscal year 2017, the State Land Office collected \$664 million from lease payments, oil and gas lease sale earnings, rights-of-way, permits, interest, fees, and oil, gas, and mineral royalties.