PUBLIC NOTICE

SALE OF OIL AND GAS LEASES

Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands
P.O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to New Mexico Law 1929, Chapter 125, Section B, as amended, and rules and regulations of the State Land Office, that the Commissioner of Public Lands will hold a sale of oil and gas leases at Morgan Hall, Edward J. Lopez State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 9:30 a.m., on November 20, 2012 for the tracts of land herein described. The sale will be held and conducted in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

No bids will be considered for less than the whole of any tract, nor for less than the specified minimum acceptable bid. Separate bids must be made for each tract, and a separate remittance made for each bid.

Sealed bids must be plainly marked, "Oil and Gas Sealed Bid" on the outside of the envelope, along with the date and hour to be opened. Sealed bids may be submitted by mail or otherwise to the Commissioner of Public Lands. All bids submitted will be opened at 9:30 a.m. for the Regular Sale, and at the specified time for the Special Sale on said date. The lease will be awarded to the highest bidder, if the offer made is deemed to be satisfactory.

Sealed bids must be on the proper form issued by the New Mexico State Land Office, complete, and notarized, and must be accompanied by a check, money order, or certified check drawn on a solvent bank. This payment must include the amount bid, plus the application fee of $30.00.

Each tract on which no sealed bid is received in the Special Sale may then be offered for oral bidding at the public auction, and awarded to the highest bidder.

The successful bidder in every case of oral bidding will be required to deposit forthwith, in cash or by check, money order or certified check drawn on a solvent bank, the amount bid, plus the application fee of $30.00, and to file application in due form before the close of business on said date.

The applications received pursuant hereto will be deemed to have been filed simultaneously. In all cases, leases will be made on the specified Lease Form as set forth in the Sale Notice. Application forms will be furnished upon request. Form 0-00 (formerly No. OG-57) Bid Application, is applicable to all Lease Forms advertised in this Sale Notice.

Disabled individuals who require aids to participate in the Oil & Gas Lease Sale may call (505) 827-5744, e-mail Debbie Tise at dtise@slo.state.nm.us, or contact Relay New Mexico at (505) 292-0454 or the AT&T Operator Service for TTY at (800) 855-1155.

The State Land Office makes no warranty as to the conditions of the lands. Lessees must comply with all applicable federal and state laws or regulations.

THE COMMISSIONER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. ENVELOPES CONTAINING BIDS SHOULD BE MARKED, "OIL AND GAS SEALED BID."

RAY POWELL, MS, DVM
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS
NOTICE OF SALE

OIL AND GAS LEASES

BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, I, RAY POWELL, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, WILL OFFER FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, OIL AND GAS LEASES ON THE TRACTS OF LAND LISTED BELOW, UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR LESS THAN THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID AS LISTED IN THE SALE NOTICE, PLUS A $30.00 APPLICATION FEE.

2. EACH BID MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR THE WHOLE OF ANY TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED.

3. SEPARATE BIDS MUST BE MADE ON EACH TRACT, ACCOMPANIED BY A SEPARATE REMITTANCE.

4. PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE THE DAY OF THE SALE IN CASH, BY CHECK, MONEY ORDER, OR CERTIFIED CHECK ON A SOLVENT BANK.

5. ENVELOPES CONTAINING BIDS SHOULD BE PLAINLY MARKED “OIL AND GAS SEALED BID,” GIVING DATE AND TIME OF SALE.

6. IN ALL CASES, LEASES WILL BE ISSUED ON THE APPROPRIATE STATUTORY LEASE FORM AS SET FORTH IN THE SALE NOTICE.

7. APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED UPON REQUEST. THE APPLICATION FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH SEALED BID.

8. ALL MONEY TENDERED BY BIDDERS WILL BE RETURNED IF THEIR BIDS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL.

9. SALE WILL BE HELD IN MORGAN HALL, EDWARD J. LOPEZ STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, 310 OLD SANTA FE TRAIL, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.

10. THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE
LEASE SALE NOTICE
SEALED TRACTS

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NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE
BID APPLICATION
FOR A STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS LEASE

TO: Commissioner of Public Lands
P.O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148

OGRID No. _________________________

(Please print the name of the legal entity, or, if applying as an individual, the personal name.)

whose address is ______________________________ ( mailing address ) ______________________________ ( city )
________________________________________ ( state ) ______________________________ ( zip code )

a corporation qualified to do business in New Mexico, OR a citizen (or eligible to become a citizen) of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years hereby makes application for an oil and gas lease for the exploration, development and production of oil and natural gas thereon, upon the following described land situated in the County of ____________, State of New Mexico, to-wit:

TRACT NUMBER LAND DESCRIPTION REGULAR SALE SPECIAL SALE

containing ____________ acres, more or less.

Tendered herewith as bonus and first year's rental thereon is the sum of $ ____________, plus an application fee of $30.00;

(a) ____________________________

(b) ____________________________

Total remittance sum of ( a ) and ( b ) .......$ ____________________________

I, ____________________________ ( Please print name of applicant or of attorney in fact / authorized agent. )
do solemnly swear that every statement made in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of individual or of attorney in fact / authorized agent)

Acknowledgment in an Individual Capacity:

State of ______________________________ SS)

County of ______________________________

This instrument was acknowledged before me on ______________________________ Date

By ______________________________

Name of Person

(Seal)

Signature of Notarial Officer

My commission expires: ______________________________

Acknowledgment in a Representative Capacity:

State of ______________________________ SS)

County of ______________________________

This instrument was acknowledged before me on ______________________________ Date

By ______________________________

Name(s) of Person(s)
as ______________________________ of ______________________________

Type of authority; eg., officer, trustee, etc. Name of party on behalf of whom instrument was executed

(Seal )

Signature of Notarial Officer

My commission expires: ______________________________
HOW TO MAKE A FEDWIRE DEPOSIT
TO
NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

Direct any questions concerning this type of payment to Margaret Sena in the State Land Office Accounting Office at 505-827-5705

When you intend to pay by a wire transfer, please let the SLO Accounting Office know by filling out the form below. You can include the form inside any sealed bid you offer to the SLO. You can get copies of the form by calling the Accounting Office at (505) 827-5700.

NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE
DRAFT FOR OIL & GAS SALE

DATE ________________ 20___

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF _______COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS $ ________________________ DOLLARS

TRACT # ______________________

Wells Fargo COMPANY NAME _______________________________________
For the Account of State Land Commissioner

_________________________________________ AUTHORIZED AGENT

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**** END OF REPORT ****
HIGHEST BID ANALYSIS
REGULAR SALE October 16, 2012

Total $1,286,191.09 for 25 tracts covering 9,070.77 Acres...$141.80 per acre.

Sealed (Five Year) $831,791.09 for 11 tracts covering 4,213.60 Acres...$ 197.41 per acre.

Oral (Five Year) $454,400.00 for 14 tracts covering 4,857.17 Acres...$93.55 per acre.

Total of 25 tracts were offered.... 25 tracts were sold.

Highest Sealed Bid (Five Year Term)
Tract No. V0-004 $279,720.20
NE4, SW4, SW4SE4 of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, containing 360.00 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 10.5 miles south of Lovington, New Mexico, by Crown Oil Partners IV, LP., Midland, TX.

Highest Sealed Bid (Five Year Term) Per Acre
Tract No. V0-004 $777.00
NE4, SW4, SW4SE4 of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, containing 360.00 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 10.5 miles south of Lovington, New Mexico, by Crown Oil Partners IV, LP., Midland, TX.

Highest Oral Bid (Five Year Term)
Tract No. V0-O-007 $140,000.00
S2S2 of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 36 East, containing 160.00 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 13.1 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico, by Crown Oil Partners IV, LP., Midland, TX.

Highest Oral Bid (Five Year Term) Per Acre
Tract No. V0-O-007 $875.00
S2S2 of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 36 East, containing 160.00 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 13.1 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico, by Crown Oil Partners IV, LP., Midland, TX.

October 2011 Regular Sale was $3,964,603.85 for 7,824.47 acres or $2,677,812.76 more than the October 2012 Regular Sale.

No Special Sale

Total Sale was $1,286,191.09
July 25, 2012

Dear representatives of the oil and gas industry:

As you may be aware, on March 2, 2012, I signed a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Material Management (CEHMM). The USFWS cited this and similar agreements between industry and the federal government as being instrumental in its June 2012 decision not to list the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard (DSL) under the Endangered Species Act.

This agreement, the result of years of work with the oil and gas industry, the agricultural community, and the Bureau of Land Management, will protect the health of our natural world while ensuring economic activity that supports communities, universities, hospitals and our other beneficiary institutions while helping keep our taxes down. It represents the largest such accord in the nation -- more than 247,000 acres.

Participation in the CCAA virtually assures that oil and gas activity can continue in areas inhabited by the Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) and/or the DSL while meeting conservation objectives for these two species.

In the case of an Endangered Species Act listing in the absence of a CCAA, oil and gas development in the species' range would likely be severely delayed by the requisite USFWS consultation process.

The CCAA\(^{1}\) agreement is available for your review at the State Land Office website [www.nmstatelands.org/ConservationAgreement.aspx](http://www.nmstatelands.org/ConservationAgreement.aspx). Also available on this page are a habitat map and other information concerning the agreement that may be of interest to you.

I encourage all leaseholders and operators to enroll and participate fully in this voluntary program. By agreeing to conduct certain conservation measures the

\(^{1}\) The CCAA may also be referred to in Oil and Gas Sale Notices as "Subject to 3/2012 Conservation Agreement" due to system restrictions on the length of footnotes.
USFWS provides regulatory certainty (assurances) concerning land use restrictions that might otherwise apply should the LPC or DSL become listed in the future as threatened or endangered species.

An example of the measures required under the CCAA includes: a requirement that power lines be buried within two miles of LPC lek sites, active at least once in the past five years, or within one mile of historic LPC lek sites. Other requirements include providing escape ramps for open water sources, minimizing surface disturbances, and avoiding DSL habitat.

The health of our state lands and the success of our oil and gas industry are of prime importance to New Mexicans. This agreement helps ensure the future of both.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M.
Commissioner of Public Lands
Do you need New Mexico oil and gas info?

**USEFUL NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS LINKS**

New Mexico State Land Office, leasing/royalty management agency for state trust lands:  [www.nmstatelands.org](http://www.nmstatelands.org)

New Mexico Tech site for State Land Office ONGARD data presentation to the public.  
[http://octane.nmt.edu/slo/](http://octane.nmt.edu/slo/)

ONGARD database for open acres and a wealth of other state data you didn’t know you needed. 
[http://www.ongard.state.nm.us/](http://www.ongard.state.nm.us/)

NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, subsurface geology for the state. 
Their publications website: [http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/](http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/)

NM Oil Conservation Division, oil industry regulatory agency for operating in New Mexico, plus well and production data:  [http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/)
## NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

### SALE CALENDAR

**X X** Regularly scheduled sale  
(Third Tuesday of each month)

☐ Last day to nominate tracts for next monthly sale

To nominate tracts for an oil and gas lease sale, call the Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division Geologists at **505-827-5774 or 505-827-5748**, submit your nomination in writing, or by e-mail to, jmraz@slo.state.nm.us or dfuqua@slo.state.nm.us.

**TO PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR NOMINATION, PLEASE MARK THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR ENVELOPE WITH THE WORDS CONFIDENTIAL NOMINATION.**

New Mexico State Land Office  
Oil, Gas and Minerals Division  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148.  
Fax number is **505-827-4739**.  
Fax communication may not be confidential.  
Our Web page address is [www.nmstatelands.org](http://www.nmstatelands.org).
How may our Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division help you?

Unitization & Commingling
Pete Martinez, 505-827-5791
Jerome Maestas, 505-827-5783

Communitization, Reduced Royalty & Engineering
Terry Warnell, 505-827-5745
Scott Dawson, 505-827-6628
Anchor Holm, 505-827-5759

Lease Sales, Potash Enclave, Geophysical Permitting, Geology
Joe Mraz, 505-827-5774
Dan Fuqua, 505-827-5748

Lease Expirations, Cancellations, Rentals
Darlene Vigil, 505-827-5730

Bonds, Shut-In Royalty, OGRIDS, Assignments
Paulette Lucero-Romero, 505-827-5714
Stephen Manning, 505-827-5749

Miscellaneous Instruments
Debbie Tise, 505-827-5744

Sand and Gravel, Caliche, General Mining
In Santa Fe (includes Farmington):
Michael Mariano, 505-827-5750
VACANT
Monica Fresquez, 505-827-5849
In Hobbs Field Office:
VACANT, 505-392-8736
or William Sonnamaker, 505-392-3697

OGMD Office Procedures, Division Administration
Greg Bloom Assistant Commissioner, 505-827-4489
Larry Roybal, Division Director, 505-827-5746
Debbie Tise, Office Administrator, 505-827-5744