

NOTICE
SALE OF OIL AND GAS LEASES
RESTRICTED INDIAN AND TRIBAL LANDS
Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs
April 23, 2024

SALE OF LEASES: The opening of bids on tracts for oil and gas mining purposes will be conducted Tuesday, April 23, 2024, under regulatory provisions cited in 25 CFR 211, promulgating the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347), as to tribally-owned properties, 25 CFR 212 (act of March 3, 1909, 35 Stat. 783, and in 25 CFR 213, promulgating the Act of May 27, 1908 (35 Stat. 312), as to individually-owned properties. The Secretary of the Interior reserves the right to withdraw, add or correct a legal description or item, and reject any bid and to disapprove any lease submitted on an accepted bid when such is in the best interest of the Indians. Tribally-held properties are offered for lease subject to acceptance by the duly authorized governing body of the Indians. Individually-owned properties are offered subject to acceptance by the individual mineral owner(s). Undivided non-Indian fee interests may be contained within the advertised tracts, and it is the responsibility of the successful bidder to secure a separate lease agreement with non-Indian interest owners.

SEALED BIDS: Bids will be accepted for consideration until 2 p.m., April 23, 2024, and opened at that time in the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 3100 West Peak Boulevard, conference room, Muskogee, Oklahoma, for the leasing of the listed and described properties for oil and gas mining purposes. Sale notice with tracts and bid forms can be found at <https://www.bia.gov/regional-offices/eastern-oklahoma-region>. **For any questions regarding the sale or to receive future notices by email or fax, please contact the Division of Subsurface Leasing for bid forms at (918) 781-4632 or email iva.ollar@bia.gov.**

Each tract is offered separately. BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED IN SEALED ENVELOPES, CLEARLY MARKED TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, EASTERN OKLAHOMA REGIONAL OFFICE, P.O. Box 8002, MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA 74402-8002, and identified as "BID FOR OIL AND GAS MINING LEASE," Not to be opened until 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024, TRACT NO. (Identified).

Each bid must be submitted on a standard bid form provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and accompanied by a deposit of at least 25 percent of the bonus offered along with the enclosed FBMS Customer Request form. Such deposit is to be made by cashier's check, certified check, or postal money order payable to the **Bureau of Indian Affairs**. Deposits received from unsuccessful bidders will be returned. In the event that two or more high bids on a tract are the same amount, sealed bids shall be required to be resubmitted. A Fair Market Value evaluation will be requested from the DOI Appraisal and Valuation Services Office, Division of Minerals Evaluation to verify that the bid meets or exceeds the appraised value and the bidder will be notified.

Within 30 days of notification, each successful bidder must remit the balance of the bonus, first year's rental, calculated at the rate of \$3 per acre along with the advertising cost and filing fee of \$77.50 for each lease. Within this 30-day period, the lease, in completed form, shall be filed with the Regional Director, unless for good and sufficient reason, an extension for filing of the lease document has been granted. **NO EXTENSION**, however, may be granted for remitting the balance of monies due the mineral owner.

FORFEITURE OF DEPOSIT: Failure of the successful bidder to pay the full consideration within the specified period or failure to file the completed lease within said period of time or extension thereof, or if the lease is disapproved through no fault of the lessor or the Department of the Interior, the deposited 25 percent of the bonus bid shall be forfeited for the use and benefit of the mineral owner, in accordance with

regulations. Once tribally executed leases and resolutions have been submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, no refund of bonus and rental paid for any tract will be refunded.

DECLINATION OF BID: In the event that any bid or offer is rejected, any and all monies deposited, except for that amount paid for advertising cost, will be returned to the bidder.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

LEASE FORM: Standard departmental lease forms provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs are required to be used. For allotted, individually-held properties, each successful bidder will be required to obtain the signature of the Indian lessor. For tribally-held properties, the lease document will be completed and signatory acceptance obtained by the Department. Leases are not valid until approved by the Secretary.

LEASE PROVISIONS: Three-year primary term, \$3 per acre rental per annum, AND A 1/5THS RATE OF ROYALTY FOR ALL PROPERTIES EXCEPT A 1/4TH RATE OF ROYALTY FOR ALL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TRIBAL PROPERTIES. The primary term will be extended by the production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities. If drilling of a well is commenced within the primary term of the lease, the lessee shall have the right to drill such well to completion with reasonable diligence, and if oil and/or gas is found in paying quantities, the lease shall continue to be in force as if such well had been completed within the primary term. Annual rental is due and payable on each anniversary date of the lease, or as specified and provided under the terms of the lease.

BONDING REQUIREMENTS: Bonding is necessary and Lessee shall furnish with each lease an appropriate surety bond in proper form, as specified by regulations. Acceptable forms will be made available by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. PRODUCING LEASES are subject to increases in the amount of required coverage.

REFER TO PAGE 17 FOR ROYALTY AND BONUS INFORMATION FOR ARKANSAS RIVERBED TRACTS.

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF INDIVIDUALLY OWNED LEASES. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may approve any lease or agreement that affects individually owned allotted land or any other land held in trust or restricted status by the Secretary on behalf of an Indian based on the applicable percentages pursuant to Title 25, United States Code Annotated, Section 2218.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The lessee shall certify that development and operation of the lease shall be conducted in conformity with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The lessee is responsible for complying with operational requirements imposed by regulations governing submission of all applications for development through the Bureau of Land Management Office. The Bureau of Land Management may be contacted at 201 Stephenson Parkway, Suite 1200, Norman, Oklahoma 73072 or by calling 405-579-7100.

ARKANSAS RIVERBED TRACTS

For the following Arkansas Riverbed Tracts, they will be offered for a term of 3 years with a 3/16 rate of royalty and a bonus equal to the highest bonus paid in the 9 section area or a lease for a term of 2 years with a 25% rate of royalty and no bonus. The secondary term will trigger an increase in the bond amount as set forth by the Secretary.

178.	Arkansas Riverbed	9-10N-24E	143.41	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
179.	Arkansas Riverbed	12-10N-24E	31.83	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
180.	Arkansas Riverbed	13-10N-24E	177.08	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
181.	Arkansas Riverbed	16-10N-24E	26.08	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
182.	Arkansas Riverbed	17-10N-24E	69.97	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
183.	Arkansas Riverbed	19-10N-24E	76.91	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
184.	Arkansas Riverbed	20-10N-24E	69.34	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
185.	Arkansas Riverbed	20-10N-25E	134.56	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
186.	Arkansas Riverbed	25-10N-25E	314.30	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
187.	Arkansas Riverbed	26-10N-25E	00.17	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
188.	Arkansas Riverbed	29-10N-25E	143.42	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
189.	Arkansas Riverbed	32-10N-25E	104.95	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
190.	Arkansas Riverbed	35-10N-25E	360.10	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
191.	Arkansas Riverbed	13-10N-26E	89.93	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
192.	Arkansas Riverbed	21-10N-26E	127.52	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations

193. Arkansas Riverbed	22-10N-26E	35.20	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
194. Arkansas Riverbed	24-10N-26E	35.03	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
195. Arkansas Riverbed	25-10N-26E	6.48	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
196. Arkansas Riverbed	26-10N-26E	145.76	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
197. Arkansas Riverbed	27-10N-26E	148.58	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
198. Arkansas Riverbed	7-10N-27E	84.42	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
199. Arkansas Riverbed	8-10N-27E	291.385	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
200. Arkansas Riverbed	18-10N-27E	35.26	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations
201. Arkansas Riverbed	19-10N-27E	4.99	USA in Trust for the Cherokee/Choctaw/Chickasaw Nations