

# United States of America

## Relevant Laws

1. [Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 \[As amended through P.L. 109-58, Enacted August 8, 2005\] \(MLA 2005\)](#)

## Conditions for Competitive Bidding to be in Effect

### Coal:

1. The Secretary of the Interior divides lands classified for coal leasing into leasing tracts and then, at the request of any qualified applicant or on the Secretary's own decision, s/he may offer those lands for leasing and leases will be awarded by competitive bidding.
2. Discretionary bidding – the Secretary of the Interior may “subject to condition which s/he deems appropriate, negotiate the sale.”
3. No bid shall be accepted less than fair market value as determined by the Secretary of the Interior (Section 2(a)(1), MLA 2005).

### Phosphates, Sodium, Sulphur:

1. “The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to lease to any applicant qualified under this Act, through advertisement, competitive bidding, or such other methods as s/he may by general regulations adopt, any” phosphate, sodium, or sulphur deposits of the United States (Sections 9(a), 24, and 3, MLA 2005).

## Two-Tier Bidding – Pre-Qualification Criteria

Information not available.

### Biddable Factors

Information not available.

### Bidding Process

Information not available.

### Bidding Fee – Revenue/Buy-In

Information not available.

### Eligibility

Information not available.