

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.