



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale COC-75916, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain Federal coal reserves in the Spruce Stomp Tract described below in Delta County, Colorado, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m. on July 30, 2014. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9:30 a.m., July 30, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Free, Solid Minerals Engineer, by telephone at 303-239-3774, or by email at kfree@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or

question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Bowie Resources, LLC. The Federal coal reserves to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by underground mining methods in the following described lands located in Delta County, Colorado:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 12 S., R. 91 W., 6th P.M.,

sec. 31, lots 11 to 26, inclusive;

sec. 32, lots 10 to 15, inclusive.

T. 12 S., R. 92 W., 6th P.M.,

sec 36, S $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 13 S., R. 91 W., 6th P.M.,

sec. 5, lots 2, 3, 4, 10, and 11, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec. 6, lots 1 to 4, inclusive.

T. 13 S., R. 92 W., 6th P.M.,

sec. 1, lots 5 to 8, inclusive.

These lands contain 1,790.20 acres, more or less.

The tracts contain an estimated 8.02 million tons of recoverable coal reserves. The underground minable coal is ranked as B bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis for the Tracts is as follows:

British Thermal Unit (BTU)	12,896 BTU/lb.
Volatile Matter	23.23%
Moisture	3.38%
Fixed Carbon	62.16%
Sulfur Content	0.63%
Ash Content	10.60%

The tracts will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tracts is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

The sealed bids should be sent by certified mail, return-receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above and clearly marked "Sealed Bid for COC-75916 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m., July 30, 2014." The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 9:30 a.m. on July 30, 2014 will not be considered. If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids

until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking, sealed-bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the sale official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received. A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States in the amount of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. Prior to lease issuance, the high bidder, if other than the applicant, must pay the BLM the cost recovery fees in the amount of \$48,015.20 in addition to all processing costs the BLM incurs after the date of this sale notice (43 CFR 3473.2).

Bidding instructions for the LBA tracts offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale and available from the BLM Colorado State Office at the address above. Case file documents, COC-75916, are available for inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office Public Room.

Ruth Welch,

BLM Colorado State Director.

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