

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Offering by Sealed Bid—NDM 90783

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the coal resources in the lands described below, in Mercer County North Dakota, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid. This offering is being made as a result of an application filed by The Coteau Properties Company, in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437; 30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*)

The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2001, in the Montana State Office 920 conference room, at the Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101. Bids for the tract will be in the form of sealed bids. Sealed bids *clearly marked* "Sealed Bid for NDM 90783 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2001", must be submitted on or before 10 a.m. December 11, 2001, to the cashier, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Post Office Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

An Environmental Assessment of the proposed coal development and related requirements for consultation, public involvement, and hearings have been completed in accordance with 43 CFR 3425. The results of these activities were a finding of no significant environmental impact.

The coal resource to be offered consists of all recoverable reserves in the following-described lands:

T. 146 N., R. 88 W., 5th P.M.

Sec. 14: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 22: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

excluding a 4.59-acre tract described by metes and bounds and further described as: Beginning at a point on the west line of said Section 22, said point being 250.00 feet north of the southwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22; thence north along said west line of Section 22, 500.00 feet; thence east at right angles to the last described line, 400.00 feet; thence south parallel with said west line, 500.00 feet; thence west at right angles, 400.00 feet to the point of beginning.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding a 12.61-acre tract described by metes and bounds and further described as: Beginning at the southwest corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22, 500.00 feet; thence north at right angles to said south line, 500.00 feet; thence northwesterly to a point on

the west line of said Section 22, said point being 1,700.00 feet north of said southwest corner; thence southerly along said west line to the point of beginning.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Containing 502.80-acres, Mercer County, North Dakota.

The tract in this lease offering contains split estate lands. Written consent is on file from all qualified surface owners as defined in the regulations at 43 CFR 3400.0-5.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets the fair market value of the coal resource. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand-delivered. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. *Bids received after 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2001, will not 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.

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 of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods and 8.0 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal shall be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale.

Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available at the Montana State Office. Casefile NDM 90783 is also available for public inspection at the Montana State Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Alcatraz Island Historic Preservation and Safety Construction Program, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco County, CA; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement identifying and evaluating the environmental effects of the proposed historic preservation and safety construction program on Alcatraz Island, a site within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final EIS presents and analyzes two "action" alternatives, the Proposed Action and the Reduced Project Alternative, and a "no-action" alternative. Based on principles of "101(b) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Proposed Action is identified as the environmentally preferred alternative. The Proposed Action is a construction program designed to address serious public health and safety threats and stabilize important historic structures that contribute to the Island's National Historic Landmark Status. The Proposed Action includes ten individual repair projects that would require, in total, approximately 5 years to complete. The repairs include replacement of badly deteriorated piles supporting the dock, the only visitor access point to the Island, seismic retrofit of the Cellhouse, and repair/stabilization of other historic structures, some dating from the Civil War era, to provide for public safety and historic preservation. The projects would be implemented in two phases, Phase One (dock repair and Cellhouse seismic retrofit) and a Subsequent Phase. Using an adaptive management approach, Phase One projects would be implemented and monitored, and information gained through this monitoring will be used to refine and improve implementation for both ongoing and subsequent projects considered in the Final EIS to minimize potential impacts to wildlife. The use of mitigation measures during construction activity, such as staging and lighting restrictions and habitat restoration, would reduce potential impacts to biological resources. No changes in land use or long-term operation of the Island would occur as a result of the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action would not