The New Mexico State Land Office (the “Commissioner”) will accept sealed bids seeking the highest and best bid for a long-term lease contract for land located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, for a renewable energy project.

1) Observation of the Land: The land is observed as a single parcel only, and is described as follows: “The Land is the state trust land in the State of New Mexico, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, comprising approximately 6,402.75± acres, particularly described as follows:

Township 01 North, Range 15 East, Section 13: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, A, 1/2 E4, SE4, NW4, & SE4 – 560.42 acres ±;
Township 01 North, Range 15 East, Section 14: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 – 410.42 acres ±;
Township 01 North, Range 15 East, Section 15: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 – 394.83 acres ±;
Township 01 North, Range 16 East, Section 31: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, NE4, E2SW4, E2SE4, & SE4 – 623.42 acres ±;
Township 01 North, Range 16 East, Section 32: All – 640.38 acres ±;
Township 01 North, Range 16 East, Section 33: All – 640.00 acres ±;
Township 01 South, Range 14 East, Section 1: All – 640.00 acres ±;
Township 01 South, Range 14 East, Section 2: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, A, 1/2 E4, SE4, NW4, & SE4 – 560.42 acres ±;
Township 01 South, Range 14 East, Section 3: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 – 410.42 acres ±;
Township 01 South, Range 14 East, Section 4: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 – 394.83 acres ±;
Township 01 South, Range 15 East, Section 1: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, A, 1/2 E4, SE4, NW4, & SE4 – 560.42 acres ±;
Township 01 South, Range 15 East, Section 2: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 – 410.42 acres ±;
Township 01 South, Range 15 East, Section 3: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 – 394.83 acres ±;
Township 01 South, Range 15 East, Section 4: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 – 394.83 acres ±.

The entire bid packet is incorporated with this notice by reference and should be reviewed before submitting a bid.

2) Application and Deposit Submittal: The application, application fee and qualification deposit must be received at the Land Office by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020. All bids submitted will be opened at the date, time and place of the bid opening as set forth below.

3) Sealed Bid Auction: The auction will be in the form of a sealed bid. Only bidders who have submitted a complete application meeting the statement of minimum qualifications—Exhibit 5, b) an application fee of five hundred dollars ($500.00) and c) a qualification deposit of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) must be received at the Land Office by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020, and must be submitted by mail, express delivery, or in person to the Commissioner of Public Lands and must be received by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020. Sealed bids may be submitted by mail, express delivery, or in person to the Commissioner of Public Lands and must be received by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020. Sealed bids must be submitted by mail, express delivery, or in person to the Commissioner of Public Lands and must be received by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020. No late bids will be accepted. The envelope containing the sealed bid must be plainly marked “EW-0057 AUCTION – SEALED BID” on the outside of the envelope. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids or to cancel the lease auction, if it is determined that the public interest will be better served by doing so.

4) Achievement of a Minimum Base Rent: The minimum base rent required is $2.00 per acre per year for the first year and $3.00 per acre per year in years two through twenty.

5) Summary of Basic Provisions of the Lease: The Land is proposed to be leased pursuant to State Land Office Rule 3.2.4 (FNC 2.652) for the purpose of renewable energy conversion and power production, and is subject to the terms and conditions authorized in the Lease. The term of the Lease is for fifty-five (55) years. Per Section 4.1 of the Lease, Lessee shall pay Lessee for rent for the land and for rights and privileges granted in the Lease. First Year’s Base Rent of two dollars ($2.00) per acre, for a total of twelve thousand eight hundred five dollars and fifty cents ($12,805.50).

6) Summary of Revenue Parameters in the Lease: The Lease contains additional fees, including a Ground Disturbance Fee (Section 4.2.1) and a WTG (wind turbine generator) Installation Fee (Section 4.2.2). Additional Operation Base Rent parameters, including Percent Rent, are referenced in Section 4.2.7 of the Lease Exhibit 3.

7) Terms of Lease: The Lease is effective as of the date thereof and shall continue for a period of fifty-five (55) years.

8) Deposits Required: Each bidder must deposit with the Commissioner the bonus bid amount no later than five (5) business days after the bid opening.

9) Selection of the Winning Bidder: The Lease, if any, will be awarded to the bidder making the highest bonus bid, or the next highest qualified bidder to be the successful bidder, or declare that no bid was successful.

10) Application and Deposit Submittal: The application, application fee and qualification deposit must be received at the Land Office by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020. All bids submitted will be opened at the date, time and place of the bid opening as set forth below.

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12) Achievement of a Minimum Base Rent: The minimum base rent required is $2.00 per acre per year for the first year and $3.00 per acre per year in years two through twenty.

13) Summary of Revenue Parameters in the Lease: The Lease contains additional fees, including a Ground Disturbance Fee (Section 4.2.1) and a WTG (wind turbine generator) Installation Fee (Section 4.2.2). Additional Operation Base Rent parameters, including Percent Rent, are referenced in Section 4.2.7 of the Lease Exhibit 3.

14) Terms of Lease: The Lease is effective as of the date thereof and shall continue for a period of fifty-five (55) years.

15) Deposits Required: Each bidder must deposit with the Commissioner the bonus bid amount no later than five (5) business days after the bid opening.

16) Selection of the Winning Bidder: The Lease, if any, will be awarded to the bidder making the highest bonus bid, or the next highest qualified bidder to be the successful bidder, or declare that no bid was successful.

17) Application and Deposit Submittal: The application, application fee and qualification deposit must be received at the Land Office by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020. All bids submitted will be opened at the date, time and place of the bid opening as set forth below.

18) Sealed Bid Auction: The auction will be in the form of a sealed bid. Only bidders who have submitted a complete application meeting the statement of minimum qualifications—Exhibit 5, b) an application fee of five hundred dollars ($500.00) and c) a qualification deposit of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) must be received at the Land Office by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020, and must be submitted by mail, express delivery, or in person to the Commissioner of Public Lands and must be received by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020. Sealed bids may be submitted by mail, express delivery, or in person to the Commissioner of Public Lands and must be received by 3:00 p.m. (MST) on February 27, 2020. No late bids will be accepted. The envelope containing the sealed bid must be plainly marked “EW-0057 AUCTION – SEALED BID” on the outside of the envelope. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids or to cancel the lease auction, if it is determined that the public interest will be better served by doing so.

19) Achievement of a Minimum Base Rent: The minimum base rent required is $2.00 per acre per year for the first year and $3.00 per acre per year in years two through twenty.

20) Summary of Revenue Parameters in the Lease: The Lease contains additional fees, including a Ground Disturbance Fee (Section 4.2.1) and a WTG (wind turbine generator) Installation Fee (Section 4.2.2). Additional Operation Base Rent parameters, including Percent Rent, are referenced in Section 4.2.7 of the Lease Exhibit 3.

21) Terms of Lease: The Lease is effective as of the date thereof and shall continue for a period of fifty-five (55) years.

22) Deposits Required: Each bidder must deposit with the Commissioner the bonus bid amount no later than five (5) business days after the bid opening.

23) Selection of the Winning Bidder: The Lease, if any, will be awarded to the bidder making the highest bonus bid, or the next highest qualified bidder to be the successful bidder, or declare that no bid was successful.