sealed envelope and shall be transmitted in that form to the Attorney General.

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#### § 3422.4 Award of lease.

- (a) After the authorized officer has accepted a high qualified bid, and the Attorney General has not objected to lease issuance or the procedures in  $\S3422.3-4(e)(2)$  of this title have been completed, the authorized officer shall send 4 copies of the lease form to the successful bidder. The successful bidder shall complete, sign and return these forms and shall: pay the balance of the bonus bid, if required; pay the first year's rental; pay the proportionate share of the cost of publishing the notice of sale; and file a lease bond. Upon receipt of the above, the authorized officer shall execute the lease.
- (b) If the successful bidder dies before the lease is issued, the provisions of §3472.2-4 of this title shall apply.
- (c) At least half of the acreage offered for competitive lease in any 1 year shall be offered on a deferred bonus payment basis. In a deferred bonus payment, the lessee shall pay the bonus in 5 equal installments; the first installment shall be submitted with the bid. The balance shall be paid in equal annual installments due and payable on the next 4 anniversary dates of the lease. If a lease is relinquished or otherwise cancelled or terminated, the unpaid remainder of the bid shall be immediately payable to the United States.
- (d) If the successful bidder fails to comply with any requirement of paragraph (a) of this section or of §3422.3-4 of this title, the deposit on the successful bid shall be forfeited to the United States.
- (e) If the lease cannot be awarded for reasons determined by the authorized officer to be beyond the control of the successful bidder, the deposit submitted with the bid shall be refunded.

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# Subpart 3425—Leasing on Application

§ 3425.0-1 Purpose.

#### § 3425.0-2 Objective.

The objective of this subpart is to provide an application process through which the Department may consider holding lease sales apart from the competitive leasing process set out in §§ 3420.3 through 3420.5–2 of this title, where an emergency need for unleased coal deposits is demonstrated, or in areas outside coal production regions or outside eastern activity planning areas.

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# § 3425.1 Application for lease.

#### § 3425.1-1 Where filed.

Application for a lease covering lands subject to leasing (43 CFR 3400.2) shall be filed in the Bureau of Land Management State Office having jurisdiction over the lands or minerals involved (43 CFR subpart 1821).

### § 3425.1-2 Contents of application.

No specific form of application is required. Three copies of the application, including preliminary and other data required by this subpart shall be filed. The lands applied for shall be described in accordance with subpart 3471 of this title. The application must be accompanied by the filing fee (43 CFR 3473.2).

# § 3425.1-3 Qualifications of the applicant.

Any applicant for a lease shall meet the qualifications required of a lessee as specified in subpart 3472 of this title.

## § 3425.1-4 Emergency leasing.

- (a) An emergency lease sale may be held in response to an application under this subpart if the applicant shows:
- (1) That the coal reserves applied for shall be mined as part of a mining operation that is producing coal on the date of the application, and either: