

## Minerals Management Service

### Modification to the Bid Adequacy Procedures

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notification of procedural changes.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has modified its existing bid adequacy procedures for ensuring receipt of fair market value on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leases. This procedure eliminates in Phase 1 the number of bids rule, which effectively allowed for immediate acceptance of high bids on confirmed or wildcat tracts receiving three or more bids.

**DATES:** This modification is effective March 29, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Marshall Rose, Chief, Economic Evaluation Branch; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4220, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817; telephone: (703) 787-1536.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Previous changes in the February 1983 bid adequacy procedures were made in February, March, and July 1984, May 1985, and May 24, 1991 (56 FR 23978). The following complete set of bid adequacy procedures incorporates those earlier changes and this most recent change.

The MMS uses a two-phase process to determine bid adequacy. In Phase 1, we classify tracts into two groups: drainage and development or wildcat and confirmed. The MMS also identifies nonprospective tracts, i.e., those tracts judged not to be located on a viable prospect. All legal high bids<sup>1</sup> on such nonprospective tracts are accepted. The MMS passes the high bids on all other tracts directly to Phase 2 for further evaluation. Phase 1 is conducted tract-by-tract and is generally completed within 2 weeks of the bid opening.

Phase 2 applies criteria designed to further determine bid adequacy on a tract-specific basis. Prospective wildcat and confirmed tracts that are not accepted in Phase 1 may receive further mapping and/or analysis in Phase 2. Subsequently, MMS reviews the viability determinations of these tracts. Those wildcat and confirmed tracts later determined to be nonviable can be eliminated from the set of tracts undergoing a full-scale MONTCAR evaluation and the high bids on them

<sup>1</sup> "Legal high bids" means those high bids which comply with MMS regulations and the Notice of Sale.

accepted. The remaining tracts, including all drainage and development tracts, receive further evaluation by comparing the high bids with the Mean Range of Values (MROV) and the Adjusted Delay Value (ADV). In addition, if in the judgment of the Regional Director a tract is or may be subject to drainage, the relevant costs due to delays associated with bid rejection are considered in computing the ADV.

All drainage and development tracts which received three or more adjusted bids<sup>2</sup> and prospective wildcat and confirmed tracts which received two or more adjusted bids will be compared with the Geometric Average Evaluation of Tract (GAEOT). For drainage and development tracts, the GAEOT will not be used when the high bid is equal to or less than one-sixth of the MROV.

The MMS conducts most evaluations based upon data and analysis available at the time of the sale. However, we may gather additional data and perform further analyses after the sale at the discretion of the Regional Director to ensure a fair return to the Government.

The MMS normally completes the bid adequacy recommendations for acceptance/rejection developed in Phase 2 sequentially over a period ranging between 14 and 90 days after the sale. Upon acceptance, the high bidders must pay the balance of the bonus bid (80 percent) along with the first year's annual rental within 15 days. The MMS returns the deposits, with interest, on all rejected high bids.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

Thomas Gernhofer,

*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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## National Park Service

### Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve; Meeting

**ACTION:** Public meeting for Draft Barataria Boundary Study and the availability for public review of the study.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Draft Barataria Boundary Study has been completed by the National Park Service and will be available for public

<sup>2</sup> Anomalous bids are not included in the bid number in Phase 2. Anomalous bids include all but the highest bid submitted for a tract by the same company, bidding alone or jointly, and the lowest bid on a tract when it is less than one-eighth of the next lowest bid. The "one-eighth rule" can exclude no more than one bid for a given tract.

review from April 1, 1996 through May 1, 1996. Copies of the draft study can be obtained from the National Park Service at the following address: National Park Service, Denver Service Center, Attn. Ann Van Huizen, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, Colorado 80227-0287. Telephone: (303) 969-2451. All written comments on the draft study should be addressed to the National Park Service, attention Ann Van Huizen, at the above address and must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1996. Additional notice is hereby given that three public meetings will be held in Louisiana, on the dates and at the locations and times provided in this Notice, to receive public comment on the draft study. The draft study will also be available for public review at the Preserve headquarters between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Standard time.

#### DATES:

April 9, 1996, From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the University Center, Room 211B, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

April 10, 1996, From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., West Bank Regional Library, 2751 Manhattan Blvd., Harvey, Louisiana

April 10, 1996, From 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Environmental Education Center, Barataria Preserve Unit, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, and Preserve, Highway 45, Marrero, Louisiana.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Roberts Belous, Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 365 Canal Street, Suite 3080, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-1142, (504) 589-3882, extension 128).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The boundary for the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve was established through congressional legislative action in 1978. During the intervening years there have been significant changes in land uses along this area not currently part of the park that could merit inclusion. The analysis in the Draft Barataria Boundary Study will provide objective information for consideration in any future action by the Department of Interior or the U.S. Congress to revise the park's original legislative boundary.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

Frank Catroppa,

*Superintendent, Gulf Coast System Support Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment Standards Administration  
Wage and Hour Division****Minimum Wages for Federal and  
Federally Assisted Construction;  
General Wage Determination Decisions**

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal Register or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29

CFR parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

**New General Wage Determination  
Decisions**

The number of the decisions added to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts" are listed by Volume and State:

**Volume III****Florida**

FL960077 (Mar. 29, 1996)

**Modifications to General Wage  
Determination Decisions**

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the Federal Register are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

**Volume I****Massachusetts**

MA960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960006 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960007 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960008 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960009 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960012 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960013 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MA960017 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960018 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960019 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960020 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
MA960021 (Mar. 15, 1996)

**New York**

NY960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960008 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960011 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960018 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960022 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960026 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960040 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960048 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960072 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960075 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
NY960077 (Mar. 15, 1996)

**Rhode Island**

RI960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
RI960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)

**Volume II**

None

**Volume III**

None

**Volume IV**

Ohio

OH960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
OH960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
OH960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
OH960027 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
OH960029 (Mar. 15, 1996)

**Volume V**

Texas

TX 960051 (Mar. 15, 1996)

**Volume VI**

Alaska

AK960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
AK960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
AK960010 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Idaho

ID960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Oregon

OR960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
OR960017 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Washington

WA960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
WA960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
WA960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
WA960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
WA960007 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
WA960011 (Mar. 15, 1996)  
WA960013 (Mar. 15, 1996)

**General Wage Determination  
Publication**

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts". This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the county.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and

related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at (703) 487-4630.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the six separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC this 22nd day of March 1996.

Philip J. Gloss,

*Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

[No. 50-160-Ren; ASLBP No. 95-704-01-Ren]

#### Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia; Georgia Tech Research Reactor; Renewal of Facility License R-97

March 25, 1996.

#### Notice of Prehearing Conference

Notice is hereby given that a prehearing conference will be held in this proceeding on Wednesday, April 24, 1996, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at the United States Court of Appeals, Courtroom 338, 56 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

As outlined in the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order dated March 21, 1996, the conference will concern matters bearing upon the preparation for the hearing commencing on May 20, 1996, as set forth in 10 CFR 2.752(a), including a final list of witnesses and the order and scheduling of those witnesses, the obtaining of stipulations and admissions of fact and of the contents and authenticity of documents to avoid unnecessary proof, the numbers of copies of documents to be distributed to

the Board, parties and the reporter, the marking of those documents, and such other matters as may aid in the orderly disposition of the proceeding.

Members of the public are invited to attend the conference but may not otherwise participate in the proceeding.

Dated: March 25, 1996.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Charles Bechhoefer,

*Chairman, Administrative Judge.*

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### Customer Satisfaction Surveys and Focus Groups

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation has requested that the Office of Management and Budget approve a series of new collections of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of the information collections, which will be conducted through focus groups and surveys over a three-year period, is to help the PBGC assess the efficiency and effectiveness with which it serves its customers and to design actions to address identified problems.

**DATES:** All comments must be submitted to OMB by April 29, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. The request for approval will be available for public inspection at the PBGC Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc L. Jordan, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4026 (202-326-4179 for TTY and TDD). (These are not toll-free numbers.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) establishes policies and procedures for controlling the paperwork burdens imposed by Federal agencies on the public. The Act vests

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with regulatory responsibility over these burdens, and OMB has promulgated rules on the clearance of collections of information by Federal agencies.

Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, states that, in order to carry out the principles of the National Performance Review, the Federal Government must be customer-driven. It directs all executive departments and agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to provide those services in a manner that seeks to meet the customer service standards established in the Executive Order.

The PBGC intends to establish a mechanism through which it will be able to explore issues of mutual concern (e.g., kind and quality of desired services) with its major outside client groups, i.e., participants and beneficiaries, plan sponsors and their affiliates, plan administrators, pension practitioners and others involved in the establishment, operation and termination of plans covered by the PBGC's insurance program.

The areas of concern to the PBGC and its client groups will change over time, and it is important that the PBGC have the ability to evaluate customer concerns quickly. Accordingly, the PBGC is requesting that OMB grant "generic" approval, for a three-year period, of focus groups and surveys of the PBGC's outside client groups. Participation in the focus groups and surveys will be voluntary. The PBGC will consult with OMB regarding each specific information collection during the approval period.

On December 29, 1995, the PBGC published in the Federal Register a notice of intention to request OMB approval of these collections. No comments were received in response to the notice.

This voluntary collection of information will put a slight burden on a very small percentage of the public. The PBGC expects to conduct focus groups involving a total of approximately 225 persons each year, with a total annual burden of approximately 675 hours, including travel time. (Some portion of this time may be spent completing surveys at focus group meetings.) In addition, the PBGC expects to distribute written surveys to approximately 1,600 persons each year (in most cases as an adjunct to a focus group), with a total annual burden of approximately 200 hours.