

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

American Samoa OCS Mineral Lease Sale

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed Leasing Notice

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) proposes to publicly announce bids received for blocks offered in the proposed American Samoa Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lease Sale (PACM-1), in accordance with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), as amended, and its implementing regulations. The Proposed Leasing Notice (PLN) package for this proposed lease sale contains information essential to potential bidders, including Information to Lessees and Lease Stipulations.

DATES: BOEM proposes to hold PACM-1 on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at a time to be specified in the Final Leasing Notice (FLN). All times referred to in this document and the Final Leasing Notice will be Pacific time, unless otherwise specified. Lease areas will be awarded through an ascending oral auction. For more information on bid submission and auction rules, see Section VII of this document, “Bidding Instructions.”

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may download the PLN package, and associated maps, from BOEM’s website at <https://www.boem.gov/marine-minerals/american-samoa-activities>. Copies of the PLN and sale maps can also be obtained by contacting the BOEM Pacific Regional Office:

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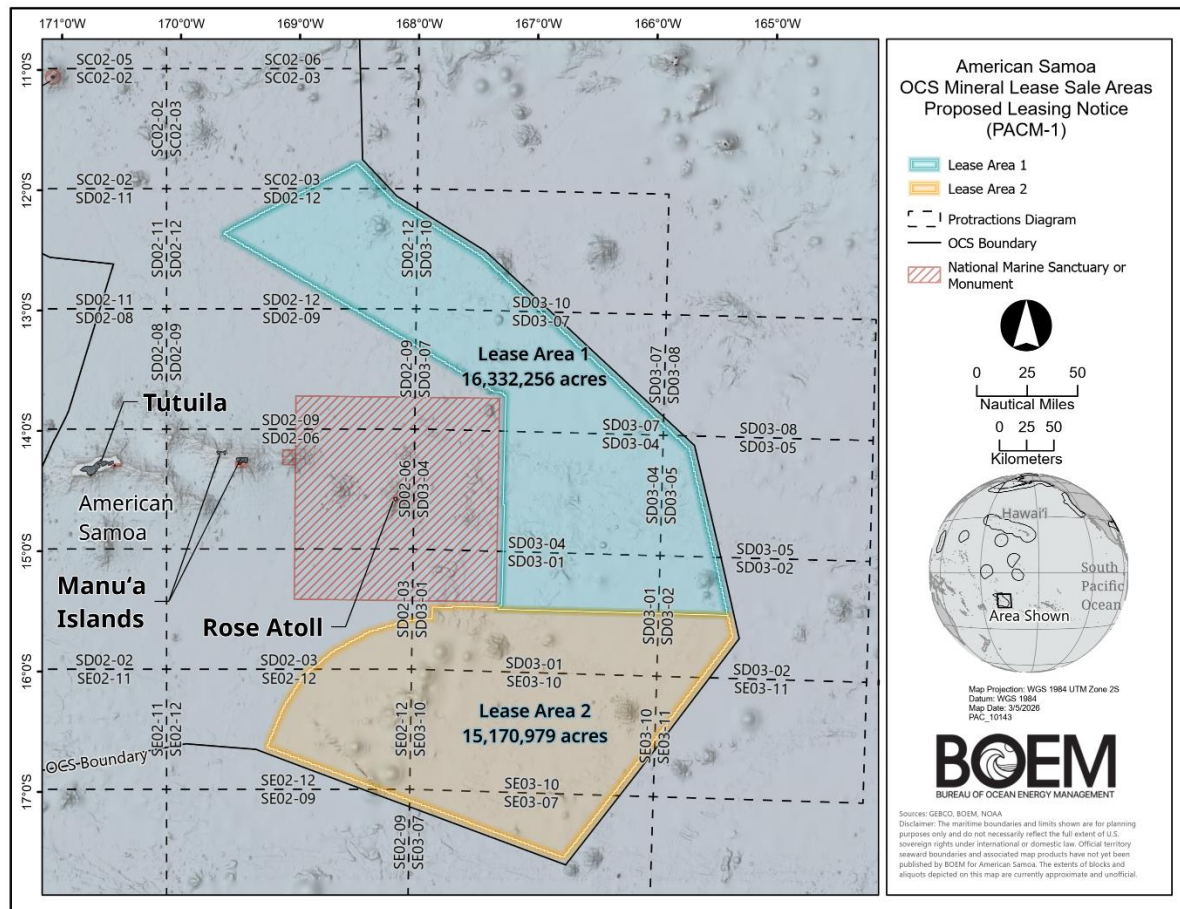
AUTHORITY: This sale will be held pursuant to the requirements of and is published pursuant to 43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 *et seq.* (Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended) and 30 CFR part 581, subpart B- Leasing Procedures.

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I. Lease Sale Area

BOEM proposes to offer for bid in this American Samoa OCS Mineral Lease Sale (PACM-1) all available unleased acreage as identified on the map entitled, “American Samoa OCS Mineral Lease Sale Areas, Proposed Leasing Notice (PACM-1).” Two individual lease areas have been identified; Lease Area 1 is approximately 16,332,256 acres and Lease Area 2 is approximately 15,170,979 acres. The final list of lease areas for bid will be posted on BOEM’s website at <https://www.boem.gov/marine-minerals/american-samoa-activities> if BOEM decides to move forward with holding PACM-1 and would be posted when BOEM publishes the FLN.



BOEM’s Official Protraction Diagrams (OPDs) and Supplemental Official OCS Block Diagrams for the proposed lease areas are available online at <https://www.boem.gov/pacific-cadastral-data>. All blocks are shown on the following OPDs:

Achilles Tang (SC02-03)
Hutchinson Seamount (SD02-03)
Small Toothed Jobfish (SD02-09)
Dusky Frillgoby (SD02-12)
Arrowhead Soapfish (SE02-09)
Flowery Flounder (SE02-12)
Slimy Cuskeel (SD03-01)

Honeycomb Toby (SD03-02)
Sixblotch Hind (SD03-04)
Sculptured Pipefish (SD03-05)
Paletail Chromis (SD03-07)
Mosaic Gulper Shark (SD03-08)
Clown Coris (SD03-10)
Knife Razorfish (SE03-07)
Dusky Sleeper (SE03-10)
Brokenbar Dwarf goby (SE03-11)

II. Statutes and Regulations

Each lease is issued pursuant to OCSLA, 43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, and is subject to the OCSLA implementing regulations in 30 CFR part 581, and other applicable statutes and regulations in existence upon the effective date of the lease, as well as those applicable statutes enacted and regulations promulgated thereafter, except to the extent that the after-enacted statutes and regulations conflict with an express provision of the lease. Each lease is subject to amendments to statutes and regulations, including but not limited to OCSLA, that do not explicitly conflict with an express provision of the lease. The Lessee expressly bears the risk that such new or amended statutes and regulations (i.e., those that do not conflict with an express provision of the lease) may increase or decrease the Lessee's obligations under the lease.

The proposed lease and fiscal terms, along with BOEM's ascending oral auction format, will assure that the United States receives fair market value (FMV) for each lease area offered. The auction winner will be provisionally awarded the lease (assuming the winner did not violate any rules), and final issuance of the executed lease will take place after the sale date as outlined in the section entitled, "Acceptance, Rejection, or Return of Bids."

III. Proposed Lease and Fiscal Terms

BOEM proposes to offer two large areas to lease for development of all minerals or metals found in polymetallic nodules and ferromanganese crust deposits discovered therein. Any lease(s) that are issued will grant rights to develop these deposit types and any minerals found in direct association with those specified deposits. Minerals that will be reserved from the lease(s) include, but are not limited to, oil, gas, sulphur, and source materials for fissionable materials, as required by 30 CFR 581.8.

OCS Lease Form

BOEM proposes to use Form BOEM-2004 (March 2026) to convey leases resulting from this sale. This lease form can be viewed on BOEM's website at <https://www.boem.gov/about-boem/procurement-business-opportunities/boem-ocs-operation-forms>. The lease form will be amended to include specific terms, conditions, and stipulations applicable to the individual lease. The proposed terms, conditions, and stipulations applicable to this sale are shown below.

The following section outlines the lease and fiscal terms for the proposed PACM-1 sale. BOEM will continue to evaluate these terms and may change them as necessary prior to issuance of the FLN.

Proposed Primary Term

The Primary Term will be 20 years.

Proposed Minimum Bonus Bid Amount: \$3,000,000 for each lease area offered

Proposed Rental Rates

Annual rental rates depend on the relative percentage of the *Initial Lease Area* the lessee continues to hold. The table below shows the applicable rent per acre for each lease year, based on whether the lessee retains:

- Less than 15%,
- 15% to less than 50%, or
- 50% or more of the Initial Lease Area.

Lease Year	Rent if 0 to <15 percent of Initial Lease Area is Retained	Rent if 15 to <50 percent of Initial Lease Area is Retained	Rent if 50+ Percent of Initial Lease Area is Retained
0-5 Years	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6-10 Years	\$0.30	\$0.60	\$1.20
11-15 Years	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$5.00
16-20 Years	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$10.00

Segregation does not change how much of the Initial Lease Area is considered retained. If a lease is subsequently segregated, acreage percentages of Initial Lease Area Retained will be recalculated based on the proportion of each new lease area to the initial lease area. For example, if a lease is segregated into two leases, one of which is 25% of the initial lease area and the other is 75% of the initial lease area, the 25% lease area would need to be relinquished down to <3.75% ($15\% \times 25\%$) of the initial lease area in order to pay the rental rates in the first column. In order to pay the middle rates, that same 25% lease area would need to be relinquished down to 3.75 to < 12.5%. The 75% lease area would need to be relinquished to 11.25% ($15\% \times 75\%$) of the initial lease area to pay the rates in the first column.

Proposed Minimum Royalty Rate

The minimum royalty rate is locked in based on the lease year in which leasehold production (meaning production that occurs under the first approved Mining Plan) begins as well as the share of the Initial Lease Area held when production begins according to the following schedule:

Mining Plan Production Start Year	Lease retained is less than 15% of Initial Lease Area?	Minimum Royalty (per acre)
0–15 Years	Yes	\$1.25

0–15 Years	No	\$2.50
16–20 Years	Yes	\$2.50
16–20 Years	No	\$5.00

Proposed Royalty Rate

Royalty on Delineation and Testing:

The Lessee must pay to the Lessor a royalty of five percent on all mineral production under any Delineation or Testing Plan that is processed to a marketable condition or sold.

Initial Production Royalty Rate:

The Lessee must pay to the Lessor a royalty of two percent on all mineral production from the Lease during the first five years of production under any approved Mining Plan. The five-year period commences on the first of the month when mineral material is first produced on the Lease under an approved Mining Plan.

Subsequent Production Royalty Rate:

Beginning on the first day of the sixth (6th) year of production under an approved Mining Plan and continuing thereafter for the remainder of the Lease, the Lessee must pay to the Lessor a royalty of five percent on all mineral production from the Lease.

Mining Plan Production Year	Royalty Rate
1-5	2%
6+	5%

Valuation for Royalty Purposes

In accordance with regulations at 30 CFR Part 1206, Subpart G, the following terms, conditions, and stipulations apply for royalty payments on mineral production from a lease.

Marketable Condition: Marketable condition means lease production that is processed in a manner consistent with prevailing practices in the industry as determined by the Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue and otherwise in a condition that will be accepted by an arm's length purchaser under a sales contract typical for the commodity. Lease production must meet the marketable condition requirement prior to being sold to be considered a bona fide transaction under 30 CFR Part 1206, Subpart G.

Allowances: A Lessee may claim the specific costs enumerated below as allowable deductions. Except as described below, no other deductions are allowable. However, under no circumstances may the lease production, minus allowances, be valued for royalty purposes less than the monthly average value of the free on board (f.o.b.) bulk sales price realized at the customary point of shipment to market.

Transportation: A deduction for the Lessee's costs equal to the difference between the bona fide sale of lease production in bulk for that sales month at the customary point of shipment to market

and the sale price realized at a remote sales point will be allowed.

Beneficiation Beyond Marketable Condition: A deduction for the Lessee's costs equal to the difference between the bona fide sale of lease production in bulk for that sales month at the customary point of shipment to market and the sale price realized for lease material processed to a condition considered beyond marketable condition will be allowed.

Royalty Relief

No royalty relief will be offered in this sale.

IV. Lease Stipulations

Stipulations applied to leases issued in this sale are contained in the "Lease Stipulations" section of the PLN package and covers the topics enumerated below. BOEM will publish the FLN at least 30 days before the sale date and BOEM will post the final list of blocks available for bid and the applicable stipulations that apply to those blocks on its website at <https://www.boem.gov/marine-minerals/american-samoa-activities> under the FLN tab.

1. Lease Preliminary Activities and Survey Notices
2. Endangered Species Act and Essential Fish Habitat Consultation Requirements
3. Fisheries Communication Plan
4. Protection of Birds
5. Marine Archaeology Requirements for Preliminary Activities
6. Unanticipated Discovery Requirements
7. Research Site Access
8. Preliminary Activities Reporting
9. Confidential Information
10. Community Investment and Economic Development
11. Local Content and Labor Utilization
12. Supply Chain Statement of Goals
13. Port Utilization and Infrastructure Investment

V. Information to Lessees

The Information to Lessees (ITLs) provide detailed information on certain issues pertaining to this lease sale. The full text of the ITLs for this sale is contained in the "Information to Lessees" section of the PLN package and covers the topics enumerated below. BOEM will announce a final decision on the sale, including the sale area and applicable ITLs, in the FLN.

1. Navigation Safety
2. Geological and Geophysical Surveys
3. Marine Archaeological Survey Requirements for Delineation, Testing, and Mining Plans
4. Environmental Monitoring
5. Mining Discharge Analysis
6. Data and Metadata Standards

7. Low-Impact Collector Technology Rationale
8. Community Engagement Plan
9. Dock Space
10. Notice of Assignment to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CIFUS)
11. Domestic Mineral Processing and Supply Chain
12. Lessee Engagement
13. Local Emergency Preparedness and Maritime Safety Support

VI. Maps

The American Samoa OCS Mineral Lease Sale Proposed Sale Area Map can be viewed on BOEM's website at <https://www.boem.gov/marine-minerals/american-samoa-activities>, including a more detailed map of the lease blocks and aliquots. The sale area is shown on the map entitled, "American Samoa Lease Areas, OCS Mineral Lease Sale, Proposed Leasing Notice."

VII. Bidding Instructions

The PLN package includes instructions and the required format for the items listed below. Bidders should refer to the subheading "Acceptance, Rejection, or Return of Bids" under Section IX below, regarding a bidder's failure to comply with the requirements of the FLN, including failure to follow the instructions and format and timely submit the information required in the FLN.

Authorized Individuals and Bidder Authentication

An entity that is eligible to participate in the auction will identify up to five (5) individuals who will be authorized to bid on behalf of the company, including their names, business telephone numbers, and email addresses. Bidders are advised that BOEM considers the Bidder's Financial Form (BFF) to be a legally binding obligation on the part of the bidder(s) to comply with all applicable regulations, including, but not limited to, the regulation requiring payment of bid deposit.

Affiliated Entities

On the BFF, eligible bidders must list any other entities with whom they are affiliated. For the purpose of identifying affiliated entities, a bidding entity is any individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, consortium, or joint venture (when established as a separate entity) that is participating in the same auction. Affiliated entities are not permitted to compete against each other in the auction. Where two or more affiliated entities have qualified to bid in the auction, the affiliated entities must decide prior to the auction which one (if any) will participate in the auction. If two or more affiliated entities attempt to participate in the auction, BOEM will disqualify those bidders from the auction.

BOEM considers two entities to be affiliated if (a) one entity (or its parent or subsidiary) has or retains a right, title, or interest in the other entity (or its parent or subsidiary), including the ability to control or direct actions with respect to such entity, either directly or indirectly,

individually or through any other party; or (b) the entities are both direct or indirect subsidiaries of the same parent company. Entities are also affiliated if ownership or common ownership of more than 50 percent of the voting securities, or instruments of ownership or other forms of ownership, of another person constitutes control (person means any individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, consortium, or joint venture (when established as a separate entity)). BOEM will consider each of the following factors to determine if there is control under the circumstances of a particular case:

- The extent to which there are common officers or directors.
- With respect to the voting securities, or instruments of ownership or other forms of ownership: The percentage of ownership or common ownership, the relative percentage of ownership or common ownership compared to the percentage(s) of ownership by other persons, if a person is the greatest single owner, or if there is an opposing voting bloc of greater ownership.
- Operation of a common lease, plant, pipeline, or other facility.
- The extent of other owners' participation in operations and day-to-day management of a lease, plant, or other facility.
- Other evidence of power to exercise control over or common control with another person.

Bidder's Financial Form

Each bidder must submit a BFF to participate in the auction. A bidder's BFF must be received no later than October 29, 2026, unless otherwise stated in the FLN. Bidders are hereby notified that, on the day of the sale, an authorized representative must recertify the BFF, affirming that all information submitted on the BFF is accurate and remains valid in accordance with the requirements of 30 CFR 581.20. A copy of the form is available at <https://www.boem.gov/marine-minerals/critical-minerals/bidder-financial-formapril-2026>. In its BFF, each bidder must designate the email address that it will use to create an account in <https://www.pay.gov>. The BFF is required to be executed by an authorized representative listed in the bidder's qualification documents on file with BOEM. This form must contain:

- Each bidder's BOEM qualification number. Bidders interested in participating in a potential Outer Continental Shelf critical mineral lease sale resulting from this effort (PACM-1) should submit the required qualification documentation to BOEM as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time to process the documentation to receive a BOEM qualification number. Please submit your documentation to establish a company's legal qualifications pursuant to 30 CFR 581.4 and 30 CFR 581.20 to pacific.region@boem.gov.
- A statement acknowledging that the bidder(s) understands that all oral bids legally bind the bidder(s) to comply with all applicable regulations, including, but not limited to, the requirement to pay the balance of the bonus bid amount for any lease area bid upon.
- Contact information, including names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses for principal point of contact, payment and refund coordination, and up to five (5) individuals authorized to bid.
- Identification of any affiliated entities as defined above and confirmed in the FLN for this lease sale.
- Recertification of the information provided in the BFF on the day of the sale. Prior to the

offering of any oral bids at the lease sale, an authorized representative, must confirm that *the information provided by the company in the BFF remains accurate and the company's eligibility to participate in the lease sale is unchanged*. Any updates or changes must be declared at this time. Bidders who do not complete the required recertification will not be permitted to submit an oral bid.

For this sale, BOEM will only accept bidders' BFFs by mail. Instructions for submission can be found in the BFF. The BFF must be executed on paper with a wet signature by an authorized representative identified in the bidder's qualification documentation as authorized to bind the company.

VIII. The Lease Sale

Auction Format

Location: BOEM proposes to hold the American Samoa OCS Mineral Lease Sale (PACM-1) on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at a time to be specified in the FLN, in Camarillo, California. The venue will not be open to the public; only qualified bidders and their designated representatives will be admitted to the venue. The oral ascending clock auction will be live-streamed on BOEM's website at <https://www.boem.gov> for public viewing.

Time Zone: All times referenced in this document are Pacific Time, unless otherwise specified.

Purpose: The oral auction is solely for taking oral bids from qualified bidders until only one bidder remains on each lease area. BOEM will announce a provisional winner for each lease area at the conclusion of the auction. The United States reserves the right to reject any and all bids, as detailed in Section IX of this document under the subheading "Acceptance, Rejection, or Return of Bids" below.

Auction Seminar

BOEM will hold a virtual auction seminar for qualified bidders prior to the lease sale, and the details will be specified in the FLN.

- The seminar will not be open to the public.
- During the session, BOEM will describe the auction process, explain rules and procedures, and provide an opportunity for qualified bidders to ask questions.

Auction Details

The auction will be conducted under OCSLA and the implementing regulations at 30 CFR part 581.

- The auction will be conducted as an in-person, oral ascending clock auction, with each lease area auctioned sequentially.
- BOEM is proposing to allow each qualified bidder to bid for and potentially acquire both lease areas. If an entity would like to win both lease areas, they are required to submit two bid deposits. A bidder that submits only one bid deposit and does not win the first lease area offered may still participate in bidding for the second lease area.
- All auction rules and procedures will be published in the FLN and explained during the pre-auction seminar.
- BOEM will verify receipt of bid deposits prior to participation in the auction.

- Up to five individuals may attend the auction on behalf of a bidding entity.
- The BFF must identify the individuals authorized to bid.
- An authorized representative of the bidder must be present at the time of the lease sale to recertify the BFF.
- The authorized representative and persons authorized to bid must provide proof of identity matching the BFF.

IX. Bidding Rules

BOEM will identify in the FLN the lease area to be auctioned first. The auction will proceed sequentially, one lease area at a time. The provisional winner of the first lease area will be permitted to bid for the second lease area, provided they submit the appropriate initial bonus bid deposit in accordance with the instructions in the section entitled, “Bonus Bid Deposit.”

For each lease area, the auction will be conducted in a series of rounds with incrementally higher prices. In each round, all bidders will have the opportunity to signal participation within the specified time period. If a bidder fails to signal its participation at a given price, that will indicate that the bidder has withdrawn from the bidding for that lease area. BOEM will verify participation or withdrawal with each bidder prior to closing the round and, once confirmed, either participation or withdrawal will be final. The auction will continue until only one bidder signals participation at a given price. That bidder becomes the provisional winner of the lease area.

When a bidder withdraws from the auction by failing to signal participation at the next highest price, they will be asked to submit an exit bid, which is the highest price they are willing to pay for the lease area. The exit bid must be no lower than the round’s price at which they last signaled participation and must be below the price of the next round. If a bidder fails to submit an exit bid, the last price at which they signaled participation will be used as their exit bid. Exit bids are used in the event that no bidders signal participation in a given round, a tie occurs, or the provisional winner does not meet the lease execution requirements or otherwise fails to comply with applicable regulations. In these cases, BOEM reserves the right to offer the lease area to the bidder submitting the next highest bid offer as determined by BOEM.

BOEM will set a time limit for signaling participation within each round. This time limit is set to expedite the sale procedure, but extensions may be granted upon request. A recess may be declared at any time the situation warrants, at the sole discretion of the Regional Director or his or her designee.

The provisional winner of each lease area will pay the final bid deposit in accordance with the instructions in the section entitled, “Bonus Bid Deposit.” If the provisional winner does not submit the final bid deposit as outlined in the section entitled, “Bonus Bid Deposit,” BOEM, in its discretion, may retain the initial bid deposit and offer the area to the next highest bidder. Similarly, if the provisional winner does not follow through with the remainder of the bid as outlined in the section entitled, “Lease Award,” BOEM, in its discretion, may retain the bid deposit and offer the area to the next highest bidder. A provisional winner will be disqualified if

it is subsequently found to have violated auction rules, OCSLA, BOEM regulations, or otherwise engaged in conduct detrimental to the integrity of the competitive auction.

Authorized Signatures

All signatories executing documents on behalf of the bidder(s) must execute the same in conformance with the BOEM qualification records. BOEM considers any actions taken by an authorized bidder during the oral ascending clock auction process as a legally binding obligation on the part of the bidder(s) to comply with all applicable regulations, including fulfilling the bonus bid requirement for all high bids.

Bonus Bid Deposit

A bonus bid deposit of 20% of the total bid amount is required. Each bid deposit will be payable in two parts:

1. Each qualified bidder must submit an initial bonus bid deposit to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) equal to 20% of the minimum bid owed for each lease area they wish to win. For example, if a bidder is interested in winning only one lease area, they would pay a bid deposit of \$600,000 (20% * \$3,000,000). If a bidder wants the ability to win both lease areas, they must submit two bid deposits each in the amount of \$600,000. The initial bonus bid deposit(s) must be received by November 5, 2026, and will be electronically deposited into an interest-bearing account in the U.S. Treasury.
2. After the oral auction, the provisional winning bidder for each lease area must pay a final bonus bid deposit of 20% of their high bid due by 2 p.m. the first business day after the auction. The final bonus bid deposit will be reduced by the initial bonus bid deposit already paid. If a bidder is the provisional winning bidder for both lease areas, they must submit two final bonus bid deposits.

BOEM requires bidders to use EFT procedures for bonus bid deposit payments for this sale, following the detailed instructions contained on the ONRR Payment Information webpage at <https://www.onrr.gov/paying>. Receipt of a bonus bid deposit does not constitute, and will not be construed as, acceptance of any bid on behalf of the United States. Non-winning bidders will have their initial bonus bid deposit(s) refunded.

Withdrawal of Blocks

The United States reserves the right to withdraw any block from this lease sale before issuance of a written acceptance of a bid for the block.

Acceptance, Rejection, or Return of Bids

The United States reserves the right to reject any and all bids, regardless of the amount offered. Furthermore, no bid will be accepted, and no lease for any block will be awarded to any bidder, unless:

1. The bidder has complied with all applicable statutes, regulations and requirements of the FLN, including those set forth in the documents contained in the FLN package; and
 2. The bid is the highest valid bid and meets or exceeds BOEM's minimum bid in the FLN.
- Any bid submitted that does not conform to the requirements of the FLN, OCSLA, or other applicable statute or regulation will be rejected and returned to the bidder. The United States

Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission will review the results of the lease sale for any antitrust issues prior to the acceptance of bids and issuance of leases.

Lease Award

BOEM is proposing to use Form BOEM-2004 (March 2026) to convey leases resulting from this sale. This lease form can be viewed on BOEM's website at <https://www.boem.gov/about-boem/procurement-business-opportunities/boem-ocs-operation-forms>. The lease form will be amended to include specific terms, conditions, and stipulations applicable to the individual lease. Each bidder that is awarded a lease is required to complete the following within 10 business days of receiving it from BOEM:

1. Execute all copies of the lease (Form BOEM-2004 [March 2026], as amended); and
2. Pay by EFT the balance of the bonus bid amount for each lease issued in accordance with the requirements of the FLN and 30 CFR 1218.155 and 581.26.

ONRR requests that bidders use only one transaction for payment of the balance of the bonus bid amount. Once ONRR receives such payment, the bidder who has been awarded the lease may not request a refund of the balance of the bonus bid payment.

Unlawful Combination or Intimidation

BOEM warns bidders against violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1860, which prohibits unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders.

X. Delay of Sale

The BOEM Pacific Regional Director has the discretion to change any date, time, and/or location specified in the FLN if the Regional Director deems that an emergent event could interfere with a fair and orderly lease sale. Such events could include, but are not limited to, natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes, fires or floods), wars, riots, acts of terrorism, fires, strikes, civil disorder, or other events of a similar nature. In case of such events, bidders should call (805) 384-6305 or access the BOEM website at <https://www.boem.gov/marine-minerals/american-samoa-activities>, for information regarding any changes.

XI. Upcoming Milestones

After the Governor of American Samoa's opportunity to comment on the proposed American Samoa OCS Mineral Lease Sale (PACM-1) within 60 days of publication of the Notice of Availability of the PLN, as required by 30 CFR 581.16, the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management will decide how to proceed with this sale. Following the Assistant Secretary's decision, BOEM will publish the FLN in the *Federal Register* at least 30 days before the date of the lease sale. The FLN package will be available on BOEM's website at <https://www.boem.gov/marine-minerals/american-samoa-activities>.

The Department of the Interior reserves the right to revise the areas offered for bidding and associated terms and conditions described in this PLN.