

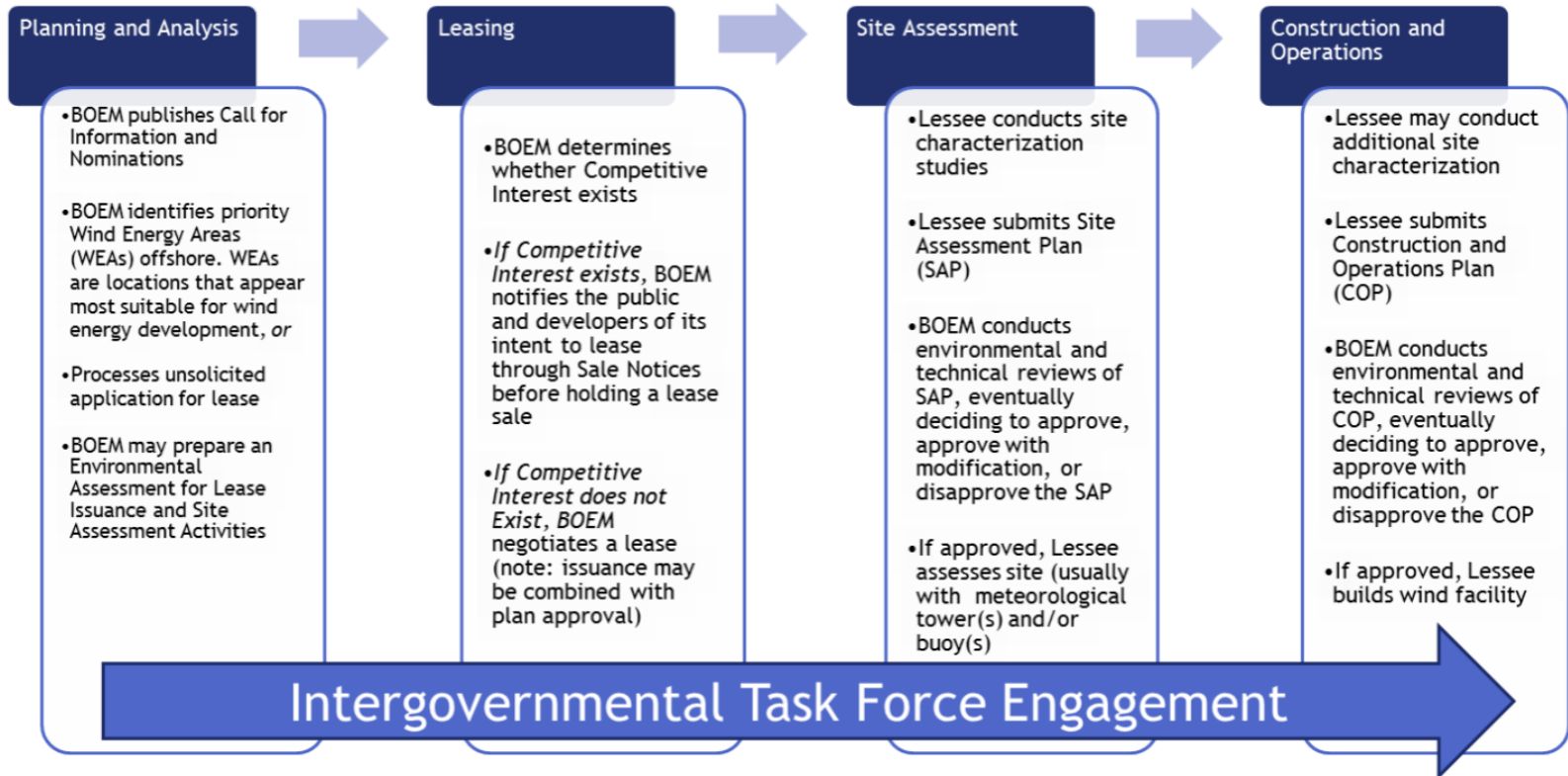
# **Overview of BOEM's Leasing Process**

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# BOEM's Leasing Process



**BOEM's leasing process begins with one of two events:**

**BOEM receives an unsolicited lease request**

- *This is the process we are using because AWH submitted unsolicited lease requests in Jan 2015*

**BOEM issues a Call for Information and Nominations**

- This process has been used in other areas of the United States



### **BOEM reviews the application**

- BOEM makes a determination whether the applicant is qualified to hold an OCS lease (Feb 2015)

### **BOEM-Hawaii Task Force Meeting (Jun 2015)**

- BOEM presents application(s) to Task Force
- Task Force provides feedback on draft RFI

### **BOEM Issues Request for Interest (RFI)**

- BOEM issues RFI as a *Federal Register* notice



**After the RFI comment period closes, BOEM reviews the information received and makes a determination**

- **Determination of No Competitive Interest:** If no indications of competitive interest are received, follow non-competitive lease issuance process
- **Determination of Competitive Interest:** If indications of competitive interest are received, follow competitive lease issuance (auction) process



### Competitive

- BOEM prepares & publishes a Call for Information and Nominations (Call)
- Proposed Sale Notice
- Final Sale Notice
- Lease Sale / Auction
- Lease Award
- Lessee submits plan(s)

### Non-Competitive

- BOEM publishes a Determination of No Competitive Interest (DNCI)
- Lease terms & conditions are negotiated
- BOEM may offer a non-competitive lease
- Lessee submits plan(s)
- Lease issuance may be combined with approval of plan(s)





## A Plan is required

- The **Site Assessment Plan (SAP)** describes the activities the applicant plans to undertake for the characterization of lease area
- The **Construction and Operations Plan (COP)** describes the construction, operations, and conceptual decommissioning plans
- The SAP and COP may be combined and submitted together



## **BOEM performs technical and environmental reviews of the plans and may:**

- Approve the plan(s)
- Approve the plan(s) with modifications
- Disapprove the plan(s)

**Once BOEM approves the plans, the activities described in them can be conducted by the applicant.**







## Questions?

*Up Next: Request for Interest*

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