

*Public Input:* All Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested members of the public may present, either orally or through written comments, information for the Committee to consider during the public meeting. The public will be able to make comment on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. and on Thursday, September 19, 2013, from 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Individuals or groups requesting to make comment at the public Committee meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker. The Committee will endeavor to provide adequate opportunity for all speakers, within available time limits. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated during the public comment period, are encouraged to submit their comments in written form to the Committee after the meeting.

Written comments should be submitted, prior to, during, or after the meeting, to Mr. Robin O'Malley, Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. Mail to: Mr. Robin O'Malley, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 400, Reston, VA 20192, or via email, at [romalley@usgs.gov](mailto:romalley@usgs.gov).

The meeting location is open to the public, and current, government issued, photo ID is required to enter. Space is limited, so all interested in attending should pre-register. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Mr. Robin O'Malley via email at [romalley@usgs.gov](mailto:romalley@usgs.gov), or by phone at (703) 648-4086, by close of business on September 11, 2013. Please also notify Mr. O'Malley if you are unable to attend the meeting in person, but would be interested in joining virtually (e.g. conference phone and internet access to meeting presentations). Virtual meeting access will be available with sufficient interest. Persons with disabilities requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Mr. O'Malley at (703) 648-4086 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting. We will do our best to accommodate those who are unable to meet this deadline.

Dated: August 9, 2013.

**Robin O'Malley,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Competitive Auction for Solar Energy Development on Public Lands in the State of Colorado

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Colorado State Office will accept competitive bids to select a preferred applicant to submit a right-of-way (ROW) application and a plan of development for solar energy projects on approximately 3,705 acres of public land in Saguache and Conejos Counties in Colorado.

**DATES:** The BLM will hold an oral auction at the BLM's Colorado State Office on October 24, 2013. Prior to the oral auction, sealed bids will be accepted and will be carried to the oral auction. Sealed bids must be received, not postmarked, by the BLM Colorado State Office to the address listed below on or before October 15, 2013. The oral auction will begin at 10 a.m., opening with the minimum bonus bid or the highest sealed bid over the minimum bonus bid, whichever is higher. Bidder registration begins at 9 a.m. In order to bid, you must provide the bidder's name and personal or business address. Each bid can only contain the name of one bidder (*i.e.*, citizen, association or partnership, corporation or municipality). An administrative fee of \$48,169 is also required from each bidder for each parcel at registration. Sealed bids must include the same required information for registration. All registered bidders will be notified of the results of the oral auction within 10 calendar days of the bid closing. Bonus bids from the successful high bidder(s) must be deposited within 10 calendar days of notification. ROW applications, plans of development, and all associated information from the successful high bidder(s) must be received within 180 days of notification. If the successful high bidder does not deposit bonus bids or perfect their ROW application within the stated timeframes of this notice, the next highest bid will become the successful bidder.

**ADDRESSES:** Sealed bids, including all required administrative fee deposits and documentation must be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Maryanne Kurtinaitis, CO923, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215. Electronic bid submissions will not be

accepted. The BLM will hold the oral auction at the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maryanne Kurtinaitis, Renewable Energy Program Manager, by telephone at 303-239-3708 or by email at [mkurtina@blm.gov](mailto:mkurtina@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BLM Colorado has received several solicitations of interest and ROW applications within two designated Solar Energy Zones (SEZ): Los Mogotes East SEZ and De Tilla Gulch SEZ. Applications for solar energy development are processed as ROW authorizations pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Existing regulations authorize the BLM to determine whether competition exists among ROW applications filed for the same facility or system. 43 CFR 2804.23. The regulations also allow the BLM to resolve any such competition by using competitive bidding procedures.

The BLM will use a competitive sealed and oral bid process to select a preferred applicant to submit a ROW application and plan of development for solar energy development in the Los Mogotes East SEZ and the De Tilla Gulch SEZ. The successful high bidder(s) for any of the parcels of public land offered by this notice must be prepared to submit a ROW application (SF-299) and a plan of development, consistent with the requirements of the regulations and within the timeframes specified in this notice. 43 CFR 2804.12 and 2803.10. Bidders may submit bid packages for one or all three parcels of public land described below.

The public lands made available by this notice include one parcel called De Tilla Gulch SEZ, consisting of approximately 1,064 acres of public land within sections 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 of T. 45 N., R. 9 E., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Saguache County, Colorado. This parcel lies approximately 7 miles east of the town of Saguache, Colorado. The second parcel called Los Mogotes East SEZ (north parcel), consists of approximately 1,281 acres of public land within sections 1 and 12 of T. 34 N., R. 8 E., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County, Colorado. This parcel lies three miles west of the town of Romeo, Colorado. The third parcel

called Los Mogotes East SEZ (south parcel), consists of approximately 1,360 acres of public land within sections 13, 24, and 25 of T. 34 N., R. 8 E., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County, Colorado. This parcel lies 3 miles west of the town of Romeo, Colorado. Detailed information about the SEZs, including maps, can be viewed and downloaded at: <http://solareis.anl.gov/maps/index.cfm>.

If you are submitting a sealed bid prior to the oral auction, all bidding documents must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with your name and return address on the outside. Include the following notation on the front lower left hand corner: SEALED BID—DO NOT OPEN. An administrative fee of \$48,169 is also required for each parcel for sealed bids and at registration from each bidder for the oral auction in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Bureau of Land Management." A minimum bonus bid has also been determined for each parcel. The minimum bonus bid represents 5 percent of the rent value of the land for 1 year (\$63 per acre for Saguache and Conejos counties) under the BLM's interim solar rental policy and is based on the interests acquired by a preferred applicant to file a ROW application in a SEZ. Minimum bonus bids for the three parcels are: De Tilla Gulch—\$3,352; Los Mogotes East (north parcel)—\$4,035; and Los Mogotes East (south parcel)—\$4,284. Bidders must use a bid statement to identify the bonus amount the bidder will pay for the right to submit a ROW application and plan of development. The bonus bid must meet or exceed the minimum bonus bid amount identified above for each parcel. The bid statement format and a complete description of the bid process are contained in an Invitation for Bids package available on the BLM Colorado Web site at: [http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Programs/energy/renewable\\_energy.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/energy/renewable_energy.html).

The high bidder(s) will become the successful bidder(s) and must deposit the bonus bid specified in the bid statement within 10 calendar days of notification by the BLM that they are the successful bidder. Upon the BLM's acceptance of the bonus bid specified in the bid statement, the successful bidder will become the preferred ROW applicant. The required administrative fee of the successful bidder(s) will be retained by the agency to recover administrative costs for conducting the competitive bid process. The bonus bid will be deposited with the U.S. Treasury. Neither amount will be returned or refunded to the successful high bidder(s) under any circumstance.

All deposits made by unsuccessful bidders will be returned, without interest, upon the BLM's acceptance of the high bidder's bonus bid.

If there is no bid received for a parcel, then no preferred ROW applicant will be identified and no application will be processed for solar energy development under the procedures listed in this notice. If the BLM is unable to determine the successful bidder, such as in the case of a tie, the BLM may re-offer the lands competitively to the tied bidders, or to all prospective bidders.

The BLM will notify the successful high bidder(s) of the right to submit a ROW application and plan of development within 180 calendar days of the bid closing. Preferred ROW applicants will be required to reimburse the United States for the cost of processing an application consistent with the requirements of the regulations at 43 CFR 2804.14. The fees are based on the amount of time the BLM estimates it will take to process the ROW application and issue a decision. The BLM will begin processing the ROW application once the cost recovery fees are received as required by the regulations.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2804.23.

**Helen M. Hankins,**  
*BLM Colorado State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Alpine Satellite Development Plan for the Proposed Greater Mooses Tooth Unit Development Project, AK

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the Alaska National Lands Interest Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arctic Field Office, Fairbanks, Alaska, intends to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for development of petroleum resources in the Greater Mooses Tooth (GMT) Unit, at the proposed GMT1 drilling and production pad. The Supplemental EIS is being prepared for the limited

purpose of supplementing the Alpine Satellite Development Plan (ASDP) Final EIS, dated September 2004, regarding the establishment of satellite oil production pads and associated infrastructure within the Alpine field.

**DATES:** Scoping comments may be submitted in writing until September 6, 2013. At this time, the BLM has determined not to hold public scoping meetings. If the BLM determines, after consultation with cooperating agencies, that public scoping meetings are appropriate, the BLM will schedule these meetings and provide appropriate public notice. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft Supplementary EIS, including public meetings and a public comment period. Any Federal, State, local agencies, or tribes that are interested in serving as a cooperating agency for the development of the Supplemental EIS are asked to submit such requests to the BLM by September 6, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues related to the proposed GMT1 Development Project by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [BLM\\_AK\\_AKSO\\_GMT\\_1\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_AK_AKSO_GMT_1_Comments@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 907-271-5479
- *Mail:* GMT1 Scoping Comments, 222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13, Anchorage, AK 99513.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Fairbanks District Office Public Room, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709; and the Alaska State Office Public Room, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bridget Psarianos, Project Lead; telephone: 907-271-4208; address: 222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Contact Ms. Psarianos if you wish to add your name to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 22, 2013, ConocoPhillips, Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) submitted an application with the BLM for issuance of a right-of-way grant and related authorizations to construct, operate, and maintain a drill site, access road, pipelines, and ancillary facilities to support development of petroleum resources