

**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF REGISTRATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE OF MICHIGAN
OIL AND GAS LEASE AUCTION
OCTOBER 24, 2012**

On October 24, 2012, the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** will offer, at an oral-bid public auction, approximately 196,000 acres of state-owned oil and gas lease rights. More detailed information regarding location of the nominated parcels can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/1,1607,7-153-10371_14793-30912--,00.html or by calling 517-373-7663.

Registration of bidders will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, and continue throughout the auction. Registration will be at the **Lansing Center**, 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI. Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders will be required to submit a valid government-issued photo identification (ID) which will be retained by DNR staff until bidder cards are returned and all successful bids are paid in full. In addition, if the bidder is not on the authorized bidder list, they will be required to submit a security deposit in order to register. The security deposit must be a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$5,000.00 made payable to "State of Michigan". The security deposit will be returned to the registered bidder when their bidder card is returned and all successful bids are paid in full. **In order to be added to the authorized bidder list, the prospective bidder must contact Ms. Kimberly Venne at 517-335-3242 or vennek@michigan.gov prior to the auction** to confirm they have been a successful bidder at a previous State of Michigan Oil and Gas Lease Auction, have no outstanding balance owed and are not on the DNR Hold Action List.

The total bonus must be paid at the time of check out for all lease rights which receive successful bids. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the DNR through prior leasing of state-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with the Minerals Management Section (MMS), three letters of references acceptable to the DNR, one of which must be a bank. In no instance will the DNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a "zero-day site draft." **Bidders are legally and financially responsible for any successful bids, regardless of whether they represent themselves or are acting as an agent for another party. Failure to pay for a successful bid is considered intent to defraud and the bidder may be subject to prosecution.**

An auction catalog showing the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered and parcel classifications is available at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10368_11800-169044--,00.html or by contacting DNR-MMS, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, telephone 517-373-7663.