U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, General Land Office, Washington, D. C. Notice is hereby given that the SE sec. 18, T. 28 S., R 28 E., M.D.M., California, 160 acres within the known geologic structure of the Kern River Field, is offered to the responsible qualified bidder of the highest cash bonus per acre for lease under section 17 of the mineral leasing act, as amended by the act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 674, 30 U.S.C. 226). Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Building, Washington 25, D.C., up to 12 noon, June 18, 1945. Each bidder must submit a certified check or cash for one-fifth of the amount bid, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the United States, and file the showing of qualifications to receive a lease required by section 7 of Circular No. 1386. The remainder of the bonus and the annual rental at the rate of \$1 per acre must be paid and a \$5,000 corporate surety bond must be furnished by the successful bidder prior to the issuance of the lease. The deposits of the other bidders will be returned upon acceptance of the successful bid by the Secretary of the Interior. The envelopes should be plainly marked "Bid for lease in Kern River field, California. Not to be opened before noon, June 18, 1945." No bid received after the time fixed herein for submitting bids will be considered. The successful bidder will be required to agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color or national origin and to require an identical provision to be included in all subcontracts. Bidders are warned against violation of section 59, U.S. Criminal Code, approved March 4, 1909, prohibiting unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. Fred W. Johnson, Commissioner.

Any publicity given this must be without expense to the Government.

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