

**From:** -Info-Land Dept.  
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The North Dakota State Land Department's next oil and gas lease auction will be held February 1, 2010 at 9:00 AM CT in Bismarck, tentatively at the Kelly Inn.

Nominations and payments for tracts intended for the February sale must be received in our office by 5:00 PM CT on December 10, 2010. Nominations cannot be considered received and "accepted" unless the \$10 per tract nonrefundable application fee has also been received in the office by the deadline.

The Land Board's formal policy is that nominations for tracts to be leased may only be accepted by the Department, if the lease covering the tract will expire prior to the date of the sale. **Please note the tracts covered by leases that expire on February 7, 2011 will not be eligible for the February auction** since it will be conducted six days earlier. A similar calendar situation will also occur in May and November of 2011 with leases expiring after the sale dates. This policy will be followed in all cases of the lease expiration occurring later than the auction date.

As always, information on tract status is on our web site at <http://www.land.nd.gov> We appreciate your nominations and look forward to your participation in the lease auction.

Lance D. Gaebe  
Commissioner  
ND State Land Department

The Land Board's formal lease application policy appears below:

**85-06-06-02. LEASE APPLICATIONS.** Lease applications in writing, by facsimile transmission, or by electronic email, may be made only for tracts not already leased for the production of oil and/or gas as shown on the tract books of the state land department, except applications may be accepted for a tract already under lease when it appears that such lease will expire prior to the date of the lease sale. An application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee specified in section 85-06-06-14 of this chapter and shall indicate the bonus offered. Each tract is limited to a maximum of one quarter section within the same quarter or governmental lots corresponding thereto within the same section. Applications of more than one quarter section will be divided and considered a separate application. Applications not accompanied by the application fee and not in the proper form shall be rejected. All applications are to be submitted to the State Land Department, P.O. Box 5523, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5523 (telephone no. 701-328-2800), prior to the "cut-off date" for each sale, which date may be obtained by calling or writing the department.

The information contained in this email is not intended to convey all the circumstances surrounding this mineral interest and further research may be necessary.