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11. "National museum organizations" and "national scientific organizations" are not defined in the statute or regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Sherry Hutt,

Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Notice of Nomination Solicitation

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Nomination Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is soliciting nominations for one member of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint the member from nominations submitted by national museum organizations and national scientific organizations. Nominations must include the following information:

1. The nominator must be the official authorized by the organization to submit nominations in response to this solicitation. The nomination must include a statement that the nominator is so authorized on behalf of the identified national museum or scientific organization.

2. A nomination must include the following information:

- a. The nominee's name, postal address, daytime telephone number, and email address; and
- b. the nominee's resume or brief biography emphasizing the nominee's NAGPRA experience and ability to work effectively as a member of an advisory board.

DATES: Nominations must be received by January 24, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Sherry Hutt, Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street NW., 8th Floor (2253), Washington, DC 20005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Review Committee was established by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA), at 25 U.S.C. 3006.

2. The Review Committee is responsible for:

- a. Monitoring the NAGPRA inventory and identification process;
- b. Reviewing and making findings related to the identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or the return of such items;
- c. Facilitating the resolution of disputes;
- d. Compiling an inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains and developing a process for disposition of such remains;
- e. Consulting with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters within the scope of the work of the Review Committee affecting such tribes or organizations;
- f. Consulting with the Secretary of the Interior in the development of regulations to carry out NAGPRA; and
- g. Making recommendations regarding future care of repatriated cultural items.

3. Seven members compose the Review Committee. All members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary may not appoint Federal officers or employees to the Review Committee.

a. Three members are appointed from nominations submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders. At least two of these members must be traditional Indian religious leaders.

b. Three members are appointed from nominations submitted by national museum or scientific organizations.

c. One member is appointed from a list of persons developed and consented to by all of the other members.

4. Members serve as Special Governmental Employees, which

requires submission of annual financial disclosure reports and completion of annual ethics training.

5. Appointment terms: Members are appointed for 4-year terms and incumbent members may be reappointed for 2-year terms.

6. The Review Committee's work is completed during public meetings. The Review Committee normally meets face-to-face two times per year, and each meeting is normally two or three days. The Review Committee may also hold one or more public teleconferences of several hours duration.

7. Compensation: Review Committee members are compensated for their participation in Review Committee meetings.

8. Reimbursement: Review Committee members are reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in association with Review Committee meetings.

9. Additional information regarding the Review Committee, including the Review Committee's charter, meeting protocol, and dispute resolution procedures, is available on the National NAGPRA Program Web site, at www.nps.gov/NAGPRA/REVIEW/.

10. The terms "Indian tribe," and "Native Hawaiian organization," are defined in statute at 25 U.S.C. 3001(7) and (11). Indian tribe means any tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, including any Alaska Native Village, which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. Native Hawaiian organization means any organization which serves and represents the interests of Native Hawaiians; has as a primary stated purpose the provision of services to Native Hawaiians; and has expertise in Native Hawaiian affairs. Native Hawaiian organization includes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei. "Traditional religious leader" of a tribe is not defined in statute, but is defined in regulation at 43 CFR 10.2(d)(3).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Western Planning Area (WPA) Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 229

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Final Notice of Sale

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, November 28, 2012, BOEM will open and publicly announce bids received for the blocks offered in the Western Planning Area (WPA) Sale 229, in accordance with provisions of the OCS Lands Act (OCSLA) (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, as amended) and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR part 556). The Final Notice of Sale (NOS) 229 Package (Final NOS Package) contains information essential to potential bidders, and bidders are charged with the knowledge of the documents contained in that package. The Final NOS Package may be obtained from BOEM, as provided below.

DATES: Public bid reading for WPA Sale 229 will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, 1500 Sugarbowl Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112. The lease sale will be held in the St. Charles Club Room on the second floor (Loge Level). Entry to the Superdome will be on the Poydras Street side of the building through Gate A on the Ground Level, and parking will be available at Garage 6. All times referred to in this document are local New Orleans times, unless otherwise specified.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties can obtain a Final NOS Package by writing, calling, or visiting the Web site: Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Office, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, (504) 736-2519 or (800) 200-GULF. BOEM Internet Web site at: <http://www.boem.gov/About-BOEM/BOEM-Regions/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/Index.aspx>.

Filing of Bids: Bidders must submit sealed bids to the address below, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on normal working days, and from 8 a.m. to the Bid Submission Deadline of 10:00 a.m.

on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, the day before the lease sale. If bids are mailed, please address the envelope containing all of the sealed bids as follows:

Attention: Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section, BOEM Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394.

Contains Sealed Bids for WPA Oil and Gas Lease Sale 229

Please Deliver to Ms. Cindy Thibodeaux or Ms. Kasey Couture, 2nd Floor, Immediately

Please Note: 1. Bidders mailing bids are advised to call Ms. Cindy Thibodeaux at (504) 736-2809, or Ms. Kasey Couture at (504) 736-2909, immediately after putting their bids in the mail. If BOEM receives bids later than the Bid Submission Deadline, the BOEM Regional Director (BOEM RD) will return those bids unopened to bidders. Should an unexpected event such as flooding or travel restrictions be significantly disruptive to bid submission, BOEM may extend the Bid Submission Deadline. Bidders may call (504) 736-0557 or access the BOEM Gulf of Mexico Internet Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/About-BOEM/BOEM-Regions/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/Index.aspx> for information about the possible extension of the Bid Submission Deadline due to such an event.

2. Blocks or portions of blocks beyond the United States (U.S.) Exclusive Economic Zone are offered based upon provisions of the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention.

3. Blocks near the U.S.-Mexico maritime and continental shelf boundary could become subject to the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (Agreement). Bidders are advised to refer to the *Bids on Blocks near U.S.-Mexico Maritime and Continental Shelf Boundary* portion of this document for detailed information pertaining to the opening of bids affecting blocks in this area.

Areas Offered For Leasing: In WPA Sale 229, BOEM is offering to lease all blocks and partial blocks listed in the document "List of Blocks Available for Leasing" included in the Final NOS package. All of these blocks are shown on the following leasing maps and Official Protraction Diagrams (OPDs):

Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Maps—Texas Map Numbers 1 Through 8 (These 16 Maps Sell for \$2.00 each.)

TX1 South Padre Island Area (revised November 1, 2000)
TX1A South Padre Island Area, East Addition (revised November 1, 2000)
TX2 North Padre Island Area (revised November 1, 2000)
TX2A North Padre Island Area, East Addition (revised November 1, 2000)
TX3 Mustang Island Area (revised November 1, 2000)

TX3A Mustang Island Area, East Addition (revised September 3, 2002)
TX4 Matagorda Island Area (revised November 1, 2000)
TX5 Brazos Area (revised November 1, 2000)
TX5B Brazos Area, South Addition (revised November 1, 2000)
TX6 Galveston Area (revised November 1, 2000)
TX6A Galveston Area, South Addition (revised November 1, 2000)
TX7 High Island Area (revised November 1, 2000)
TX7A High Island Area, East Addition (revised November 1, 2000)
TX7B High Island Area, South Addition (revised November 1, 2000)
TX7C High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension (revised November 1, 2000)
TX8 Sabine Pass Area (revised November 1, 2000)

Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Maps—Louisiana Map Numbers 1A, 1B, and 12 (These 3 Maps Sell for \$2.00 Each.)

LA1A West Cameron Area, West Addition (revised February 28, 2007)
LA1B West Cameron Area, South Addition (revised February 28, 2007)
LA12 Sabine Pass Area (revised July 1, 2011)

Outer Continental Shelf Official Protraction Diagrams (These 7 Diagrams Sell for \$2.00 each.)

NG14-03 Corpus Christi (revised November 1, 2000)
NG14-06 Port Isabel (revised November 1, 2000)
NG15-01 East Breaks (revised November 1, 2000)
NG15-02 Garden Banks (revised February 28, 2007)
NG15-04 Alaminos Canyon (revised November 1, 2000)
NG15-05 Keathley Canyon (revised February 28, 2007)
NG15-08 Sigsbee Escarpment (revised February 28, 2007)

Please Note: A CD-ROM (in ARC/INFO and Acrobat (.pdf) format) containing all of the GOM leasing maps and OPDs, except for those not yet converted to digital format, is available from the BOEM Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Office for a price of \$15.00. These GOM leasing maps and OPDs are also available for free online in .pdf and .gra formats at <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Mapping-and-Data/Official-Protraction-Diagrams.aspx>.

For the current status of all GOM WPA leasing maps and OPDs, please refer to 66 FR 28002 (published May 21, 2001), 67 FR 60701 (published September 26, 2002), 72 FR 27590 (published May 16, 2007), and 76 FR 54787 (published September 2, 2011). In addition, Supplemental Official OCS Block Diagrams (SOBDs) for blocks containing the U.S. 200 Nautical Mile