

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE PARKS DIVISION**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE ON STATE PARK LAND  
LOCATED IN COVINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the lease of state park property will be received by the State Parks Director until May 11, 2023. On May 12 at 2:30 p.m., all bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of the State Parks Division, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Room 539, 64 North Union Street Folsom Administrative Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901.

The property made the subject of this notice is described as follows:

An approximately 30-acre parcel of land located in Frank Jackson State Park, Township 4 North, Range 18 East, Section 4 in Covington County, Alabama, more particularly shown on the attached map.

Any lease awarded as a result of this bid opening shall have the following provisions:

- 1) The lease shall be for a term of two (2) years from the date of the Governor's signature;
- 2) Lessee shall provide comprehensive general liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$500,000 naming the State as an additional insured party;
- 3) During the term of the lease, the property shall be used and occupied for agricultural purposes only and Lessee shall not use or permit the same to be used for any other purpose or purposes whatsoever without prior written approval from Lessor;
- 4) Lessee shall not clear any land or cut down or use any timber or allow any other person to clear said land or cut down any timber from said lands without the written consent of Lessor or its authorized agent;
- 5) Lessee shall not damage, sever or remove any trees from the premises without prior notification and written consent of Lessor. Trees, seedlings, or saplings, alive or dead shall not be disturbed in any manner, nor removed from the premises without prior written consent of the Lessor. The foregoing prohibition on use and removal includes but is not limited to either removal or on-site use of firewood, straw and pine cones;
- 6) Nothing herein shall be construed as a warranty that the premises are fit and suitable for the use and purpose for which they are leased; Lessee may examine the said premises before taking possession and entry into possession shall constitute conclusive evidence that as of the date thereof, the premises were in good order and satisfactory condition;
- 7) Lessee will take good care of said property and will return said property to Lessor at the expiration or termination of the lease in at least as good condition as at the commencement of the Lease;

The **MINIMUM BID** for the lease of the subject property is set at \$2,700 for each year of the lease.

Each bid submitted must state the FIRST YEAR'S ANNUAL RENTAL OFFERED and be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$700.00 as a bid deposit made payable to the State Parks Division which will be forfeited if the bid is accepted and the Bidder does not complete the transaction. Any bid submitted without such check will not be considered. Unsuccessful bidders' deposits will be returned following the bid opening. The successful bidder's deposits will be applied to the first year's rent price of the successful bid.

Each bid submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "SEALED BID FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE, COVINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA, NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL May 12, 2023 AT 2:30 P.M." and mailed to: State Parks Division, Room 539, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130.

ATTENTION: PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED SPECIFICALLY TO THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OFFICE AT 64 NORTH UNION STREET, ROOM 539, FOLSOM ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130 (36104 IF DELIVERED BY PRIVATE COURIER).

NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON ANY TIME AFTER THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE ACTUAL RECEIPT OF THE BID BY THE STATE PARKS DIVISION PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

The successful bidder must complete the transaction within 30 days of award or forfeit the bid deposit. Specification of a minimum bid amount to be considered does not suggest acceptance of any bid which may equal or exceed that amount. The State does not warrant nor guarantee title to the lands herein advertised or otherwise warrant or guarantee the condition of the land or improvements related to the land herein advertised.

The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to negotiate a higher lease rate with the highest bidder.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, or disability.

The property may be inspected before May 11, 2023 by contacting the State Parks Division at 334-242-3334.



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Gregory M. Lein  
State Parks Director

5/1/2023

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Date