

## Expression of Interest in Leasing County Lands for Metallic Mineral Exploration

Oneida County is considering whether to lease its County Forest lands for the conduct of exploration, prospecting and mining. The policy contained in Resolution 94-2009 requires any leasing to involve a competitive procedure involving submission of bids for one or more specific one-square-mile tracts of land. Rental prices are to be fixed on a per-acre basis, and royalty payments are to be used as the “bid variable” to distinguish between high and low bidders. All such leases would exclude uranium, sand, gravel, gas and oil. In preparation for conducting such a leasing program, the MOLIC is requesting that interested persons provide a Statement of Interest, as provided in the paragraphs below. The deadline for submitting any Statement of Interest is June 30, 2011. The documents posted at the links below provide an overview of the following topics: County Forest Lands potentially available for lease; Oneida County Metallic Mineral Exploration, Prospecting & Mining Ordinance; actual lease agreements used previously to convey rights for exploration, prospecting and mining; and the Mining Policy in effect for Oneida County. Oneida County reserves all rights to decide, in its sole discretion, whether to offer any opportunity to lease County Lands, and also reserves the right to revise its metallic mineral zoning ordinance and existing mineral leasing procedures and agreements, at its sole discretion.

- 1) **Expression of Interest Questionnaire.** Provide your answers to the following questions, along with any other pertinent supplementary information of which you believe the MOLIC should be made aware. Provide duplicate originals. Everything submitted will become a public record upon receipt.
  - a. Company Overview
    - i. Brief description of Company history and scope of business activities.
    - ii. Form of Entity & Place of Incorporation
    - iii. Contact Information, including name, title, address, telephone number and email address.
  - b. Statement of Interest
    - i. Describe your interest in obtaining mineral leases over County Forest lands in Oneida County.
    - ii. If lands in the Town of Lynne are placed up for competitive bid, how likely is your company to place a bid?
    - iii. If your company is interested in exploring other county-owned lands, what general parcels of land would be of interest?
- 2) **Required Fee.** Provide payment of \$500.00 by check made payable to Oneida County.

- 3) **Submit by the Deadline.** Send your completed submittal to the attention of the Oneida County Clerk for delivery no later than June 30, 2011, at the address below:

Mary Bartelt  
County Clerk  
P.O. Box 400  
Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Envelopes should be marked "Mining Expression of Interest".

All envelopes will be opened July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 in the County Clerk's office at 10:00 a.m.

The Public is welcome at the opening of the envelopes.

### **Useful Links**

Link to County Forest Lands potentially available for lease

<http://www.co.oneida.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=9395&locid=135>

Link to Zoning Ordinance-Mining

<http://www.co.oneida.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=4233&locid=135>

Link to Resolution Adopting Old Lease and Old Lease Agreement

<http://www.co.oneida.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=4878&locid=135>

Link to Lands Previously Authorized for Lease

<http://www.co.oneida.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=4879&locid=135>

Link to: Mining Policy in effect for Oneida County--Resolution # 94-2009

<http://www.co.oneida.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=6596&locid=135>