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shall conduct such studies as are deemed necessary to establish additional information and shall monitor the human, marine and coastal environments of such area or region in a manner designed to provide information which can be compared with the results of studies conducted prior to OCS oil and gas development. This shall be done to identify any significant changes in the quality and productivity of such environments, to establish trends in the areas studies, and to design experiments identifying the causes of such changes. Findings from such studies shall be used to recommend modifications in practices which are employed to mitigate the effects of OCS activities and to enhance the data/information base for predicting impacts which might result from a single lease sale or cumulative OCS activities.

(e) Information available or collected by the studies program shall, to the extent practicable, be provided in a form and in a timeframe that can be used in the decision-making process associated with a specific leasing action or with longer term OCS minerals management responsibilities.

**APPENDIX A TO PART 256—OIL AND GAS CASH BONUS BID**

The following bid is submitted for an oil and gas lease on the area of the Outer Continental Shelf specified below:

Tract No.*	Total amount bid	Amount per acre (or per hectare)	Amount of cash submitted with bid

\*Or, if tract numbers are not used, Protraction Diagram or Leasing Map and block number.

Bidder qualification No.	Proportionate interest of company(s) submitting bid	Name and address of bidding company
Misc. No. ....	.....	

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Authorized signatory's name and title.

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**PART 259—MINERAL LEASING: DEFINITIONS**

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**§ 259.001 Purpose and scope.**

The purpose of this part 259 is to define various terms appearing in parts 260, 261 and 262 of this chapter.

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**§ 259.002 Definitions.**

For purposes of parts 260, 261, and 262 of this chapter:

*Area* or *region* means the geographic area or region over which the MMS designated official has jurisdiction, unless the context in which those words are used indicates that a different meaning is intended.

*Designated official* means a representative of DOI subject to the direction and supervisory authority of the Director, MMS, and the appropriate Regional Manager of the MMS authorized and empowered to supervise and direct all oil and gas operations and to perform other duties prescribed in 30 CFR part 250 (offshore).

*Director* means Director, MMS, DOI.

*DOI* means the Department of the Interior, including the Secretary of the Interior, or his or her delegate.

*Federal lease* means an agreement which, for any consideration, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rents or royalties conferred, and covenants to be observed, authorizes a person to explore for, or develop, or produce (or to do any or all of these) oil and gas, coal, oil shale, tar sands, and geothermal resources on lands or interests in lands under Federal jurisdiction.

*Gas* means natural gas as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

*MMS* means Minerals Management Service.

*OCS* means the Outer Continental Shelf, which includes all submerged lands (1) that lie seaward outside of the area of lands beneath navigable waters

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as defined in the Submerged Lands Act (Pub. L. 31-35, 67 Stat. 29, (43 U.S.C. 1301)) and (2) of which the subsoil and seabed appertain to the United States are subject to its jurisdiction and control.

*OCSLA* means the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended (Act of August 7, 1953, Ch. 345, 67 Stat. 462, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended by Pub. L. 95-372, 92 Stat. 629).

*Oil* means a mixture of hydrocarbons that exists in a liquid or gaseous phase in an underground reservoir and which remains or becomes liquid at atmospheric pressure after passing through surface separating facilities, including condensate recovered by means other than a manufacturing process.

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**Subpart A—General Provisions**

**§ 260.1 What is the purpose of this part?**

Part 260 implements the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, by providing regulations to foster competition including, but not limited to:

- (a) Implementing alternative bidding systems;
- (b) Prohibiting joint bidding for development rights by certain types of joint ventures; and
- (c) Establishing diligence requirements for Federal OCS leases.

**§ 260.2 What definitions apply to this part?**

*OCS lease* means a Federal lease for oil and gas issued under the OCSLA.

*OCSLA* means the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*), as amended.

*Person* includes, in addition to a natural person, an association, a State, or