



Ohio Revised Code Section 1501.10 Lease provisions.

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Advertisement for bids for the leasing of public service facilities in state parks shall be published in any newspaper of general circulation in Franklin county and each county in which the facility to be leased is situated. The publication shall be made once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date fixed for the acceptance of the bids. The notice shall set forth the pertinent facts concerning the facility to be leased and the periods of required operation during the year and shall refer to the terms and conditions that the lease shall include, which shall be on file in the office of the director of natural resources and open to public inspection, except that questionnaires and financial statements submitted under this section shall be confidential and shall not be open to public inspection.

The public service facilities may be leased for a period of years that may be determined by the director, provided that the director, at the expiration of the original lease, without advertisement for bids, may grant the lessee a renewal of the lease for an additional period not to exceed four years. Leases executed under this section may contain any provisions that the director considers necessary, provided that the following provisions shall be contained in the leases:

(A) The lessee shall be responsible for keeping the facilities in good condition and repair, reasonable wear and tear and damages caused by casualty or acts beyond the control of the lessee excepted.

(B) The lessee shall operate the facilities for periods during the year that the director determines are necessary to satisfy the needs of the people of the state, provided that the periods of required operation shall be set forth in the notice for the acceptance of bids.

(C) The lessee, upon the execution of the lease, shall furnish surety to ensure that the lessee shall perform fully all terms of the lease. The surety shall be in the form of a performance bond, an irrevocable letter of credit to the state, cash, or negotiable certificates of deposit of any bank or savings and loan association organized or transacting business in the United States. The cash, market value of the certificates of deposit, or face value of the irrevocable letter of credit shall be equal to or greater than the amount of the bond prescribed by the director in the lease.



If the lessee deposits cash, the cash shall be credited to the performance cash bond refunds fund created in section 1501.16 of the Revised Code. A lessee making a deposit of cash or certificates of deposit may withdraw and receive, from the director, all or any portion of the cash or certificates of deposit upon depositing with the director negotiable certificates of deposit issued by any bank organized or transacting business in this state equal in par value to the par value of the cash or certificates of deposit withdrawn. A lessee may demand and receive from the director all interest or other income from any such certificates as it becomes due.

The director may lease any public service facilities in state parks to the person who submits the highest and best bid under the terms set forth in this section and in accordance with the rules of the director, taking into account the financial responsibility and the ability of the lessee to operate the facilities. Bids shall be sealed and opened at a date and time certain, published in advance.

This section does not apply to a lease and contract executed under section 1501.012 of the Revised Code.