

DOE APPROVES SALES OF MORE THAN 1 MILLION BARRELS OF STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE CRUDE OIL

From US Dept. of Energy

■(WASHINGTON) The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) last Friday completed its second sales cycle for Strategic Petroleum Reserve crude oil, approving offers from three companies to purchase nearly 1.1 million barrels of oil.

DOE decided to end the second cycle Friday when the latest round of "best and finals" did not produce additional offers that met the Government's acceptable price threshold. Last Wednesday, the Department said that three bids met the price requirements and that the agency hoped to attract additional acceptable offers by extending the bid cycle another day.

The oil is part of approximately 12 million barrels being offered to the market following President Clinton's April 29 directive to begin the oil sale. Last week's sale brought more than \$21 million in revenue to

the Government, approximately one-tenth of the \$227 million that Congress — as part of the recent 1996 budget agreement — directed be obtained from selling oil from the Government's 587-million-barrel emergency oil stockpile.

The contract prices for the sour crude oil ranged from \$19.45 per barrel to \$19.65 per barrel. The sour crude oil stored at Weeks Island typically is valued at about \$1 to \$2 per barrel less than West Texas Intermediate, the frequently used benchmark for oil prices.

The Energy Department judged the bid prices to be acceptable, in contrast to last week's initial bid cycle in which none of the offers met the Government's price threshold. All of the bidders receiving contracts this week offered higher prices than were in last week's bids.

The crude oil will be sold to Basis Petro-

leum Inc. (formerly Phibro Energy USA), Houston, Texas; Exxon Company USA, Houston; and Coastal States Trading Inc., Houston.

The oil will be drawn from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Weeks Island storage site in Louisiana. DOE currently is emptying the converted salt mine that stored oil at Weeks Island due to geologic problems that have compromised the site's structural integrity.

CLINTON NAMES JEANNE GIVENS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

From The White House

■(WASHINGTON) The President last Friday announced his intent to nominate Jeanne Givens to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

Jeanne Givens of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and was the first Native American woman elected to the Idaho House of Representatives in 1984 and 1986. She was appointed by Idaho Governor John Evans to serve on the Idaho Humanities Council from 1980 to 1984.

Since 1988, Ms. Givens has been a member of the Americans for Indian Opportunity Board, a national organization promoting the economic, educational and social advancement of Native Americans. She currently serves as a trustee of North Idaho College.

The Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development is responsible for the direction and control of the Institute of American Indian Arts. The mission of the Institute is to promote the preservation and development of American Indian and Alaska Native arts and culture through programs of education and outreach to students, tribal communities and the public. The Institute is the only educational institution in the World devoted solely to the study and practice of the artistic and cultural traditions of all American Indians.

GETTYS TO DESCRIBE 19TH-20TH CENTURY CERAMICS OF OKLAHOMA AT CHISHOLM TRAIL MUSEUM IN KINGFISHER

From Oklahoma Historical Society

■(KINGFISHER) Marshall Gettys, historical archaeologist with a special interest in ceramics, will present a program on "Historic Ceramics of Oklahoma" at 1 p.m. on June 15 at the Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher.

"He will describe ceramics of the 19th and 20th Centuries, covering the period from the 1820s to 1920," said Curator Renee Mitchell of the museum. "The lecture-workshop will focus on the types of ceramics which have been recovered from archaeological sites around Oklahoma and date to this period."

The presentation will include a display of period ceramics from both archaeological sites and public and private collections. Also included will be materials focusing on dating historic ceramics and discussions of source material available to ceramic collectors and scholars.

"Those attending are strongly encouraged to bring ceramic items for examination and identification," Gettys said. The public is invited without charge, said Mitchell.

Gettys served as historical archaeologist for the State Historic Preservation Office of the Oklahoma Historical Society since 1980.

He earned his bachelor's degree in anthropology and his masters in anthropology Eastern New Mexico University.

He has lectured at Central State University (now the University of Central Oklahoma), and he served as an archaeologist at the Fort Towson Historic Site for the Oklahoma Historical Society from 1976-1980.

Prior to that, he served in research on projects such as the Kaw Reservoir, the Skiatook and Birch Creek Reservoirs, and the Lukfata Reservoir in Oklahoma.

His published work on Native American art has included "Native Baskets of the South: A Living Tradition" for the *Bulletin of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society* and "Historic Choctaw Pottery in the State Museum of History" for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

He has written reviews and articles for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* and other publications on Native American art and culture.

The Chisholm Trail Museum and Seay Mansion are operated in Kingfisher by the Oklahoma Historical Society with support from Chisholm Trail Museum Inc. of Kingfisher and community volunteers. For more information, contact Mitchell at (405) 375-5176.