

**Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board**  
**IFB #260330**  
**Expired Restaurant Liquor License Auction**

Questions Submitted by 12:00 p.m. on March 6, 2018

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## **ABOUT THE LICENSES**

### **1. What licenses do you have in Luzerne County?**

*Please see the listing of licenses to be auctioned on pages 2 and 3 of the IFB, as well as the applicable bid sheets on pages 22 to 51.*

*IFB #260330 may be found at:*

*<http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/Solicitations.aspx?SID=260330>.*

### **2. What reasons can cause an applicant to be denied approval of a license?**

*There are several reasons that **may** cause an applicant to be denied approval for a license, some of which are described under “Legal Specifications and Requirements” on pages 9 and 10 of the IFB. Additionally, see page 21 of the IFB, specifically question/answer 45 within Attachment A “Frequently Asked Questions.” See generally 47 P.S. §§ 4-403, 4-404, 4-411, 4-443.*

*Individuals or entities considering participation in this IFB are encouraged to seek private counsel experienced in Pennsylvania liquor law to ensure eligibility.*

### **3. Can the licenses be moved anywhere in the county they are issued?**

*Please see page 13 of the IFB, specifically questions/answers 6 and 7 within Attachment A “Frequently Asked Questions.”*

*Please note that applicants are strongly encouraged to seek municipal approval of a license transfer immediately following receipt of the Notice of Selection, as failure to do so may be grounds for forfeiture of the bid surety.*

### **4. Must I have a location with the application if I am awarded the bid?**

*Please see pages 12 and 13 of the IFB, specifically question/answer 5 within Attachment A “Frequently Asked Questions.”*

## **ABOUT THE AUCTION PROCESS**

### **How to Bid**

**5. We would like to bid on a liquor license. Please let me know next steps.**

*The specific requirements on how to bid on a liquor license, including directions on the submission of a bid, can be found under “Bid Requirements” on pages 5 and 6 of the IFB. Additionally, please see page 15 of the IFB, specifically question/answer 20 within Attachment A “Frequently Asked Questions.”*

### **Next Steps**

**6. Is the surety bond refunded if bid is unsuccessful at the initial bid opening?**

*Please see “Bid Surety” on page 6 of the IFB for the PLCB’s procedure on returning the bid surety of unsuccessful bidders. Additionally, see page 18 of the IFB, specifically question/answer 32 within Attachment A “Frequently Asked Questions.”*

**7. What happens to the bid payment and surety bid if the license application is not approved by the PLCB?**

*Please see pages 19 and 20 of the IFB, specifically questions/answers 37 and 38 within Attachment A “Frequently Asked Questions.”*

**8. Assuming a bid is successful, and the payment/application is received within two weeks, how long would it take before a license would be issued?**

*Auctioned licenses must go through the standard license application process, 30-day public posting period, and investigation. Depending on application completeness and complexity, license approval can happen in as little as 45 days or may take a number of months. 40 Pa. Code § 3.12; *In re Asprey, Inc.*, 693 A.2d 257 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1997); appeal denied 702 A.2d 1061 (Pa. 1997).*