RCW 79.13.140  Public auction procedure.  (1) All leasing by
public auction shall be by oral or by sealed bid. Leases will be
awarded to the highest bidder on the terms prescribed by law and as
specified in the notice of leasing described in RCW 79.13.120. No
lease may be awarded for less than the appraised value.

(2) The public auction must be conducted under the direction of
the department or by the auditor for the county in which the land to
be leased is located. The person conducting the auction is called the
auctioneer.

(3) The person to whom a lease of state lands is awarded shall
pay the rental in accordance with that person's bid to the auctioneer
in cash or by certified check or accepted draft on any bank in this
state.

(4) The auctioneer shall send to the department such cash,
certified check, draft, or money order received from the successful
bidder, together with any additional report of the auction proceeding
as may be required by the department.

(5) The department may reject any and all bids when the interests
of the state justify it. If the department rejects a bid, it must
refund any rental and bid deposit to the bidder upon return of the
receipts issued.

(6) If the department approves any leasing made by the
auctioneer, it must proceed to issue a lease to the successful bidder
upon a form approved by the attorney general.

(a) All leases must be in duplicate and both copies signed by the
lessee and the department.

(b) One signed copy must be forwarded to the lessee and one
signed copy must be kept in the office of the department.  [2003 c 334
§ 373.]

Intent—2003 c 334: See note following RCW 79.02.010.