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Attention Bidders

Effective October 1, 2018 the State of Wisconsin is enacting a statute for minimum bidder requirements for third party foreclosure sales under 846.155(2).

Those minimum bidder requirements are:

- **846.155 (2)** MINIMUM BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS. No 3rd-party bidder may submit a bid at a sale of mortgaged premises unless the 3rd-party bidder meets all of the following qualifications:
- (a) The 3rd-party bidder does not own an interest in property in this state against which taxes have been levied that are more than 120 days delinquent.
- **(b)** The 3rd-party bidder is not directly or indirectly owned, managed, or controlled, in whole or in part, by a person that owns an interest in property in this state against which taxes have been levied that are more than 120 days delinquent.
- (c) The 3rd-party bidder does not directly or indirectly own, manage, or control, in whole or in part, an entity that owns an interest in property in this state against which taxes have been levied that are more than 120 days delinquent.
- (d) No judgment against the 3rd-party bidder related to a violation of a state or local building code with respect to property in this state has been rendered that is unsatisfied.
- (e) No judgment against a person that directly or indirectly owns, manages, or controls, in whole or in part, the 3rd-party bidder related to a violation of a state or local building code with respect to property in this state has been rendered that is unsatisfied.
- (f) No judgment against an entity directly or indirectly owned, managed, or controlled, in whole or in part, by the 3rd-party bidder related to a violation of a state or local building code with respect to property in this state has been rendered that is unsatisfied.
- (g) In submitting a bid at the sale, the 3rd-party bidder is not acting on behalf of or as part of an agreement with a person that does not meet the qualifications described in pars. (a) to (f).

Furthermore Wisconsin statute 846.16(1)(d)... a participant in the sale must meet and a statement that, before the sale may be confirmed, a purchaser that is not a party in the foreclosure action must submit an affidavit to the court affirming that the purchaser meets those minimum bidder qualifications.

The Sheriff's Department cannot give legal advice. If you have further questions seek legal counsel.