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Opportunities continue to surface in the former Soviet Union.

Tomsk Oblast and Tomskneftegasgeologia (TNG) plan to open a 70,000 sq km sector of Russia's West Siberian basin to oil and gas exploration and production deals with international oil companies.

Tomsk and TNG officials will accept competitive bids on 3,000-6,000 sq km tracts covering many **partially developed oil and gas fields and exploration prospects** in West Central Tomsk Oblast. Pipelines reportedly pass just north of and through the bidding area.

Rules, regulations, conditions, and commitments guiding the bidding process and resulting E&P ventures will be defined by a notice of offering and **model agreement to be available by July 20.** A December 1992 deadline is planned for submitting bids, but the precise date won't be announced until July, when a delegation of Tomsk and TNG officials makes a presentation in Denver.

Information on the bidding round will be available from Wavetech Geophysical Inc., Denver, and GeoInterTech joint venture, Moscow.