

Here are some tips to help.

1. Refer to the “General Tax Sale Information” for Kern County on www.bid4assets.com/Kern. Carefully read and understand all the information provided.
2. Download the “Property List”. The list provides you with the basic information as follows:
 - **AUCTION ID:** The number Bid4assets assigns to each ATN. You will use this number when bidding.
 - **ATN:** Short for “Assessors Tax Number”. This is the number that Kern County uses to identify the property. (Use this number when you access www.assessor.co.kern.ca.us).
 - **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The Kern County Assessor provides the legal description for finding the property. Use the legal description in conjunction with the parcel map available at www.assessor.co.kern.ca.us.
 - **SITUS ADDRESS:** If the property has a physical address it is listed here. Not all properties have a situs address. The Kern County Assessor’s situs address and the mailing address may be different.
 - **MINIMUM BID:** The beginning bid amount.
 - **AUCTION CLOSES:** The time that this parcel will close ***Eastern Time***. The closing time is extended in five (5) minute increments if there is active bidding.
 - **TAX RATE AREA:** Find the approximate location of the property by Cross-referencing the TRA number with the “Tax Rate Area List”. The first three (3) digits will identify the tax rate area (city/town). This will also identify the Zoning Department areas.
 - **ACREAGE:** Kern County’s record of the acreage. Refer to the parcel map for dimensions.
 - **LAST ASSESSEE:** The owner of record is provided. Use this name to research liens filed. Go to www.recorder.co.kern.ca.us.
 - **ZONING:** Zoning departments have provided us with the zoning information. Refer to the Zoning Departments list for contacts concerning zoning information.
3. You may also access an aerial view of the property by going to www.co.kern.ca.us/gis/. Click on “Kern County Interactive Mapping” → Read Terms and Conditions → Click on “Geocortex IMF Viewer” → Below “Map Layers” click on the green icon next to Air Photos → click on “locate” drop down menu you can “Locate parcel by ATN” → Enter the ATN and hit “go”.