

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Intention To Extend an Existing Concession Contract**

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the concession contract with TW Recreational Services, Inc. at Everglades National Park for a period of approximately 3 years through May 31, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The concession contract with TW Recreational Services, Inc. authorizing it to provide lodging, food and beverage, marina, merchandise and transportation facilities and services within Everglades National Park will expire by limitation of time on May 31, 1997. The National Park Service does not intend to renew this contract for an extended period until sufficient planning can be conducted to determine the future direction for concession services at this site. The necessary planning may affect the future of this operation. This planning and the contract renewal process may take as long as 3 years to complete. Until planning is completed, it is not in the best interest of the National Park Service to enter into a long term concession contract for this operation. This extension may be for a lesser period should planning issues be resolved and a renewal process conducted which results in the award of a new long term concession contract. The existing concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20) is entitled to a preference in the extension of this contract. This means that the extension will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner does not agree to the terms of the extension, the right of preference shall be considered to have been waived, and the extension will then be awarded to the party submitting the best responsive offer.

Because of the limited term of the proposed extension, the National Park Service is not encouraging the submission of offers by anyone but the incumbent in response to this proposal, but plans to do so at the time the contract is renewed for a longer term. However, as required by law, the National Park Service will consider and

evaluate all offers received in response to this notice. Anyone interested in obtaining further information about this proposed extension should contact: Henry C. Benedetti, Chief, Concessions Management, Everglades National Park, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, Florida 33034; Phone: 305-242-7760, Fax: 305-242-7778 no later than 15 days following publication of this notice to obtain a prospectus outlining the requirements of the proposed extension.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

Daniel Brown,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Gateway National Recreation Area; Concession Contract**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing food service facilities and services for the public at Gateway National Recreation Area for a period of ten (10) years from date of contract execution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Concession Management Program, New England System Support Office, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572, Telephone (617) 223-5209, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract which expired by limitation of time on April 30, 1994, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. § 20), is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the negotiation of a new contract, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded

to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Concession Management Program, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: April 28, 1997.

Chrysandra Walter,
Field Director, Northeast Field Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Natural Bridges National Monument, UT**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Availability of final environmental impact statement and general management plan/development concept plan for Natural Bridges National Monument.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan (FEIS/GMP) for Natural Bridges National Monument, Utah.

DATES: A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the FEIS/GMP/DCP.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMP will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Natural Bridges National Monument, Box 1, Natural Bridges, Lake Powell, Utah 84533-0101, (801) 259-5174