

the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

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Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Request for Information Collection

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Park Service's intention to request approval for information collection in support of its Concession Management Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 10, 1997.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Laurie Shaffer, Concessions Program Center, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO 80225-0287 or 303-987-6911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Comparable Rates Database Survey for River Operations, Livery Operations and Mountaineering Operations.

Type of Request: Approval for information collection.

Abstract: The National Park Service (NPS) authorizes private businesses known as concessioners to provide necessary and appropriate visitor facilities and services in areas of the National Park System. 16 U.S.C. 20 Section 3 © requires that "The reasonableness of concessioner's rates and charges to the public shall unless otherwise provided in the contract, be judged primarily by comparison with those current for facilities and services of comparable character under similar conditions, with due consideration for length of season, provision for peakloads, average percentage of occupancy, accessibility, availability and cost of labor and materials, type of patronage, and other factors deemed significant by the Secretary."

This information collection is a survey that requests operators within and outside of the National Park Areas provide information on their operations and the rates that they charge. This

information will be used to establish a comparable database that can be utilized by park personnel in establishing rates in their park areas. The collection of this information is required by law and has been performed on a park by park basis. This collection is an effort to streamline that collection and provide a resource to park managers in the fulfillment of that requirement.

Estimate of Burden: Approximately 1 hour per response.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 1500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1500 hours.

Copies of the survey forms are available upon request. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, way to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology or any other aspect of this collection of information to Laurie Shaffer, Concessions Program Center, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO 80225-0287 or 303-987-6911.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Robert K. Yearout,

Concession Program Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

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 ferry services for the public at Fire Island National Seashore for a period of ten (10) years from date of contract execution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Fire Island National Seashore, 120 Laurel Street, Patchogue, New York 11772 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 December 31, 1996, 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 Senior Concessions Program Manager, Concession Management Division, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: July 10, 1997.

Chrysandra L. Walter,

Acting Field Director, Northeast Field Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

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 marina facilities and services for the public at Staten Island