DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations; Acadia National Park, ME

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a temporary concession contract authorizing the operation of carriage rides, horse camp, day use parking, facilities and services for the public at Acadia National Park, Maine for a term not to exceed October 31, 2001.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This temporary concession contract is being awarded to Mr. Edward Winterberg, Seal Harbor, Maine. It is necessary to award the contract in order to avoid interruption of visitor services.

This action is issued pursuant to 36 CFR 51.24(a). This is not a request for proposals and no prospectus is being issued at this time. The Secretary intends to issue a competitive solicitation of offers for a long-term operator to begin in 2002. You may be placed on a mailing list for receiving public notice of this and all future concession solicitations. Comment on the solicitation, including alternative arrangements, is encouraged. Further information may be obtained from Chrysandra L. Walter, Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region.


Chrysandra L. Walter,
Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region.

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Notice of Intent To Issue a Temporary Concession Contract for Gas Service at Yosemite National Park

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to issue a temporary concession contract authorizing continued operation of a gas service station adjacent to the west entrance of Yosemite National Park. The operation is located on land administered by the park in the community of El Portal. The temporary concession contract will be for a term of not more than three years. This short-term concession contract is necessary to avoid interruption of public services while the National Park Service finalizes the Yosemite Valley Plan. This short-term contract will be for a three-year period beginning January 1, 2001. This notice is in pursuit of 36 CFR part 51, section 51.24(a).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The current concession contract at Yosemite National Park will expire on December 31, 2000. The year round operation is the primary source for visitors to obtain gas and have minor auto repairs performed. The Yosemite Valley Plan is near completion and addresses future service station operations. Underground storage tanks at the existing El Portal Site must be replaced to comply with all state and federal requirements; this is in the process of being accomplished. The short-term concession contact will allow for this action to take place without a long-term delay in service to the public. In addition, this period of time is necessary to allow for completion of the Prospectus, that will incorporate the planning requirements for commercial development of the El Portal Administrative Site currently being considered in the Yosemite Valley Plan.

Information about this notice can be sought from: National Park Service, Chief, Concession Program Management Office, Pacific West Region, Attn: Mr. Tony Sisto, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107–1372, or call (415) 427–1366.


Sondra Humphries,
(Acting) Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concessions Management Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of Concessions Management Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App 1, section 10), notice is hereby given that the Concessions Management Advisory Board will hold its fourth meeting February 21 and 22, 2001, in Washington, DC. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the American Geophysical Union Building located at 2000 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on both February 21 and February 22 in Room A of the Geophysical building. The meeting will last approximately 8 hours each day and will be concluded in Thursday afternoon.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board was established by Title IV, Section 409 of the National Park Omnibus Management Act of 1998, November 13, 1998, (Public Law 105–391). The purpose of the Board is to advise the Secretary and the National Park Service (NPS) on matters relating to management of concessions in the National Park System.

Major topics for discussion during this meeting include:

• Welcome. Objectives of meeting.
• Discussion of Advisory Board annual report which was submitted to Congress on November 22, 2000.
• Discussion of results of business-based analysis conducted by Pricewaterhouse Coopers which includes a review of the NPS Concessions Program redefining management and business processes.
• Discussion focusing on development of an online for work on handcraft program.
• Closing remarks (including summary of accomplishments of meeting, date of next proposed meeting, assignment of tasks).

The Board will also discuss its organizational and administrative needs.

The meeting will be open to the public, however, facilities and space of accommodating members of the public are limited, and persons will be accommodated on a first-come first-served basis.