

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Proposed Sale of Concession Operations.

OMB Number: 1024-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The National Park Service (NPS) authorizes private businesses known concessioners to provide necessary and appropriate visitor facilities and services in areas of the National Park System. Concession authorizations may be assigned, sold, transferred or encumbered by the concessioner subject to prior written approval of the NPS. The NPS requires that certain information be submitted for a review prior to the consummation of any sale, transfer, assignment, or encumbrance.

16 U.S.C. 3 provides that no contract, lease, permit or privilege granted for the purpose of providing accommodations for visitors to the national parks shall be assigned or transferred by such grantee, permittees, or licenses without the approval of the NPS, first obtained in writing. It further provides that the NPS may authorize concessioners to execute mortgages and issue bonds, shares of stock, and other evidences or interest in or indebtedness upon their rights, properties and franchises, for the purposes of installing, enlarging or improving plant and equipment and extending facilities for the purposes of installing, enlarging or improving plant and equipment and extending facilities for the accommodation of the public within national parks and monuments. 16 U.S.C. 20(3) also provides that the possessory interest of a concessioner may be assigned, transferee, encumbered, or relinquished. Regulations at 36 CFR part 51 require that certain information be submitted for review by the NPS prior to the consummation of any sale, transfer, assignment or encumbrance.

The information requested is used to determine whether or not the proposed transaction will result in decreased services to the public, the lack of a reasonable opportunity for profit over the remaining term of the authorization, or rates in excess of existing approved rates to the public. In addition, pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR, Part 51, the value of rights for intangible assets such as the concession contract, right of preference in renewal, user days, or low fees belong to the Government. If any portion of the purchase price is attributable either directly or indirectly to such assets, the transaction may not be approved. The amount and type of

information to be submitted varies with the type and complexity of the proposed transaction. Without such information, the NPS would be unable to determine whether approval of the proposed transaction would be adequate.

Estimate of Burden: Approximately 8 hours per response.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 20.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1600 Hours.

A list of information required to be submitted with a request for sale, assignment, transfer or encumbrance of a concession authorization is set forth at 36 CFR 51.7.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection to: Cynthia L. Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., (2410), Washington, DC 20240.

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: September 13, 2002.

Richard G. Ring,

Associate Director for Park Operations and Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Contract Award and Negotiations**

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 mobile food services for the public within the Jamaica Bay Unit, Gateway National Recreation Area, New York for a term not to exceed two years.

DATES: Thirty (30) days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Northeast Region, Concession Management Program, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This temporary concession contract is being

awarded to the Dover Gourmet Corporation, Plainview, New York. It is necessary to award the contract in order to avoid interruption of visitor services.

The 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. Gateway National Recreation Area is in the process of reviewing its visitor services plans for this location to develop a long-term strategy. This temporary contract will allow the continuation of services to the public during the planning process. You may be placed on a mailing list for receiving information regarding any future competitive solicitation by sending a written request to the above address.

Dated: July 18, 2002.

Chrysandra L. Walter,

Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Contract Extension**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following expiring concession contract for a period of up to three years, or until such time as a new contract is awarded, whichever occurs sooner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The listed concession authorization will expire by its terms on December 31, 2002. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed extension is necessary in order to avoid interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption. This extension will allow the National Park Service to complete and issue a prospectus leading to the competitive selection of a concessioner for a new long-term concession contract covering this operation.

Concessioner ID No.	Concessioner name	Park
STLI002	Evelyn Hill, Inc..	Statue of Liberty National Monument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Cynthia Orlando, Concession Program
Manager, National Park Service,
Washington, DC 20240, Telephone 202/
565-1210.

Dated: September 6, 2002.

Richard G. Ring,

*Associate Director, Park Operations and
Education.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie Furnaces Sites

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of Interior.

ACTION: Availability of draft
environmental impact statement for the
Special Resource Study for the Battle of
Homestead and Carrie Furnaces sites.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie Furnaces sites in Homestead, Pennsylvania. The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill (House of Representatives Committee Report 105-609) directed the National Park System to undertake a Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie Furnace sites in Pennsylvania. The purpose of a Special Resource Study is to determine the degree and kind of federal actions that may be desirable for the management and protection of an area considered to have potential for addition to the National Park System. This is a Special Resource Study (SRS) of the U.S. Steel Homestead Works including the Battle of Homestead site and adjacent town of Homestead and the related Carrie Furnace area. The study area includes the National Historic District in the town of Homestead, the landing site and pump house, the site of Carrie Furnaces number 6 and 7, and the Hot Metal Bridge. The study addresses the significance of the site in the contexts of the history of steel making and labor history in the United States.

The study area, includes portions of four boroughs within Allegheny County:

Homestead, Munhall, Rankin and Swissvale.

The land under consideration is currently part of the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, but it is all in private ownership and there is not expected to be any federal ownership and no NPS management role. Instead, conservation, interpretation and other activities will continue to be managed by partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and private nonprofit organizations. The national heritage area is managed by the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation (SIHC), a non-profit 501(c)(3). The National Park Service has been authorized by Congress to provide technical and financial assistance for a limited period to the SIHC (up to 10 years from the time of the designation in 1996).

DATES: The DEIS will remain on Public Review for a period of sixty days after the Federal Register Announcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If necessary a public meeting will be scheduled and notice will be made of the meeting through a broad public mailing and publication in the local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Philadelphia Support Office, National
Park Service, U.S. Custom House, 200
Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
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597-1848.

If you correspond using the internet, please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: August 7, 2002.

David Hollenberg,

*Assistant Regional Director, National
Heritage Partnerships, NPS Northeast Region.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS), Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an
environmental impact statement for a
General Management Plan, Chickasaw
National Recreation Area, Oklahoma.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a general management plan for Chickasaw National Recreation Area. The environmental impact statement will be approved by the Director, Intermountain Region.

The general management plan (GMP) will establish the overall direction for the park, setting broad management goals for managing the area over the next 15 to 20 years. The plan will prescribe desired resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained throughout the park. Based on the desired conditions, the plan will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, and developments that would be appropriate in the park. Among the topics that will be addressed are protection of natural and cultural resources, water resources, management of the cultural landscape, appropriate range of visitor uses, facility developments, traffic patterns and circulation, staff needs, education and interpretive efforts, park partnerships, and external pressures on the park. In cooperation with local, state, tribal, and other federal agencies, attention will also be given to cooperative efforts to address issues that affect the integrity of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, such as the management of water resources.

A range of reasonable alternatives for managing the park, including a no-action and preferred alternative, will be developed through the planning process and included in the EIS. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives.

As the first phase of the planning and EIS process, the National Park Service is beginning to scope the issues to be addressed in the GMP/EIS. All interested persons, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions regarding the issues or concerns the GMP/EIS should