

proposed collection of information to determine whether the collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to DMS or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICRs addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, [USCG 2006-25898]. For your comments to OIRA to be considered, it is best if OIRA receives them on or before the January 16, 2007.

**Public participation and request for comments:** We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, they will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with DOT to use their Docket Management Facility. Please see the paragraph on DOT's "Privacy Act Policy" below.

**Submitting comments:** If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this request for comment [USCG-2006-25898], indicate the specific section of this document or the ICR to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**, but please submit them by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard and OIRA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change the documents supporting this collection of information or even the underlying requirements in view of them.

**Viewing comments and documents:** To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and

conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Privacy Act Statement of DOT in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### Previous Request for Comments

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published the 60-day notice (71 FR 57984, October 2, 2006) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That notice elicited no comments.

#### Information Collection Request

**Title:** Regattas and Marine Parades.

**OMB Control Number:** 1625-0008.

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

**Affected Public:** Sponsors of marine events.

**Forms:** CG-4423.

**Abstract:** Title 33 U.S.C. 1233, authorizes the Coast Guard to issue regulations to promote the safety of life on navigable waters during regattas or marine parades. The regulation requiring the submission of an application by individuals or organizations planning to hold a regatta or marine parade (marine events) that will introduce extra or unusual hazards to the safety of life on the navigable waters of the United States is in 33 CFR 100.15.

**Burden Estimate:** The estimated burden remains 3,000 hours a year.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

**R.T. Hewitt,**

*Rear Admiral, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Patent, Trademark & Copyright Acts

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.

**ACTION:** Notice of Prospective Intent to Award Exclusive License.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating awarding an exclusive license to: Williamson and Associates, 1124 NW., 53rd Street, Seattle, WA 98107 on U.S. Patent Nos. 6,236,211 B1 and 6,236,212 B1, both entitled "Induced Polarization Method Using Towed Cable Carrying Transmitters and Receivers for identifying Minerals on the Ocean Floor."

**Inquiries:** If other parties are interested in similar activities, or have comments related to the prospective awards, please contact Neil Mark, USGS, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 201, Reston, Virginia 20192, voice (703) 648-4344, fax (703) 648-7219, or e-mail [nmark@usgs.gov](mailto:nmark@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is submitted to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 208 *et seq.*

Dated: December 7, 2006.

**Karen D. Baker,**

*Associate Director, Office of Administrative Policy and Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Extension of Concession Contracts

**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 contracts for a period of up to one year, or until each time as a new contract is executed, whichever occurs sooner.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** October 1, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jo A. Pendry, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC, 20240, Telephone 202/513-7156.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All of the listed concession authorizations will expire by their terms on or before September 30, 2006. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed short-term extensions are necessary in order to avoid interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption.

**Concession**

Contract number	Concessioner name	Park
GATE019-01	Dover Gourmet Corporation.	Gateway National Recreation Area.
INDE001-94	City Tavern, Concepts by Staid, Ltd.	Independence National Historical Park.
LARO003-92	Colville Tribal Enterprise Corporation.	Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area.
STLI003-89	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, Inc.,	Statue of Liberty National Monument.

Dated: November 30, 2006.

**John Wessels,**

*Acting Assistant Director, Business Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Notice of Continuation of Visitor Services**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the terms of existing concession contracts, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to request a continuation of visitor services for a period not-to-exceed 1 year from the date of contract expiration.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 1, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jo. A. Pendry, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone, 202/513-7156.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The contracts listed below have been extended to maximum allowable under 36 CFR 51.23. Under the provisions of current concession contracts and pending the completion of the public solicitation of a prospectus for a new concession contract, the National Park Service authorizes continuation of visitor services for a period not-to-exceed 1 year under the terms and conditions of the current contract as amended. The continuation of operations does not affect any rights with respect to selection for award of a new concession contract.

**Concession**

Contract number	Concessional name	Park
BIBE002-82.	Forever Resorts, LLC.	Big Bend National Park.
BLRI007-82.	Forever Resorts, LLC.	Blue Ridge Parkway.
ISRO002-82.	Forever Resorts, LLC.	Isle Royale National Park.
JEFF002-95.	Jefferson National Parks Association.	Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.
LAME004-89.	Lake Mead Ferry Service, Inc.	Lake Mead National Recreation Area.
MACA002-82.	Forever Resorts, LLC.	Mammoth Cave National Park.
OLYM003-82.	Forever Resorts, LLC.	Olympic National Park.

Dated: November 30, 2006.

**John Wessels,**

*Acting Assistant Director, Business Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Notice of National Natural Landmark Designation for Irvine Ranch, Orange County, CA**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice of National Natural Landmark Designation.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior has determined that an area of 36,398 acres within the Irvine Ranch in Orange County, California meets the criteria for national significance and has designated this site a National Natural Landmark.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Gibbons at 360-856-5700, extension 306.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 6, 2006, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne designated a 36,398-acre area within Irvine Ranch in Orange County, California, as a National Natural Landmark. This area is significant for its Mediterranean shrublands, including extensive areas of chaparral and coastal sage scrub associations. It is one of the largest areas of this association remaining in the South Pacific Border Province. The Irvine Ranch NNL also represents a remarkably unique, long

time-range stratigraphic succession that shows the linkage between tectonic framework, provenances, sedimentology, paleoenvironments, paleontology, paleoclimate, landscape evolution and geologic history. In this regard it represents one of the most critical time intervals and locations in the geologic history of the South Pacific Border Province.

The Secretary of the Interior established the National Natural Landmarks Program in 1962 under the authority of the Historic Sites Act of 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 *et seq.*). The National Park Service (NPS) manages this program using regulations found at 36 CFR Part 62. Potential natural landmarks are identified in studies by the NPS and from other sources, evaluated by expert natural scientists, and, if determined nationally significant, designated as landmarks by the Secretary of the Interior. When designated, a landmark is included in the National Registry of Natural Landmarks, which currently lists 581 National Natural Landmarks nationwide. Of the 581 listed landmarks, half are administered solely by public agencies, i.e., Federal, State, county or municipal governments. Nearly one-third are owned solely by private parties. The remaining natural landmarks are owned or administered by a mixture of public and private owners. Owner permission must be obtained to visit natural landmarks that are privately owned or not managed for public access. Designation does not infer a right of public access.

National natural landmark designation is not a land withdrawal, does not change the ownership of an area and does not dictate activity. However, Federal agencies should consider impacts to the unique properties of these nationally significant areas in carrying out their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Designation could result in State or local planning or land use implications. National Natural Landmark preservation is made possible by the long-term, voluntary commitments of public and private owners to protect the outstanding values of the areas. Information on the National Natural Landmarks Program can be found on the Internet at [www.nature.nps.gov/nnl](http://www.nature.nps.gov/nnl).

Dated: December 7, 2006.

**Margaret A. Brooks,**

*National Natural Landmarks Program Manager.*

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