comments we receive, we will make any necessary adjustments for our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, MMS may have assumed that respondents perform many of the requirements and maintain records in the normal course of their activities. MMS considers these to be usual and customary. Commenters are invited to provide information if they disagree with this assumption and they should tell us what the burden hours and costs imposed by this collection of information are.

(1) The MMS specifically solicits comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of MMS's functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. The MMS needs your comments on this item. Your response should split the cost estimate into two components:

(a) Total capital and startup cost component and

(b) Annual operation, maintenance; and purchase of services component.

Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (1) Before October 1, 1995; (2) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208–7744.

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Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing the operation of museum, exhibits, tours at the Highland House and Highland Lighthouse for the public at Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts for a period of five (5) years from date of contract execution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Concession Management Program, Boston Support Office, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109–3572 ATTN: Lynne Koser, 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 Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal must be received by the National Park Service, Boston Support Office, Concession Management Program, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: March 28, 1997.

Chrysandra S. Walter,

Acting Field Director, Northeast Field Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

SUMMARY: Public Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing an educational cooperator to sell a limited number of convenience items including crayons, feminine hygiene products, postage stamps and film. The sales are incidental to and occur in the same space as educational services provided by the cooperator in seven National Park Service areas of the Northeast Region.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Senior Concession Program Manager, (617) 223–5076, Boston Support Office Boston, MA for further information and to submit proposals in response to this notice.

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. Sec. 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.

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 not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: March 28, 1997.

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