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Bids Solicited for Fire Island National Seashore Ferry Service Transportation of Visitors from Patchogue to Watch Hill on Fire Island

Patchogue, New York—The National Park Service (NPS) announced last week the notice of availability of a prospectus for solicitation of proposals for an 8- year concession contract to provide ferry service between the NPS terminal in Patchogue, New York and Watch Hill on Fire Island. Additional services are authorized in the proposal for charter transportation services to Watch Hill and other destinations within Fire Island National Seashore, and on- board sale of convenience items and snacks. The area assigned to the concessioner includes designated portions of the terminal building in Patchogue and nonexclusive use of some dock space, waiting areas and restrooms. All personnel, equipment and supplies needed to operate shall be provided by the concessioner. A pre- proposal site visit is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 9, 2011**; reservations must be made in advance through the park superintendent's office at 631- 687- 4751. The prospectus was issued on January 13, 2011; all offers must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on **March 14, 2011**.

The new contract is expected to be effective **May 2011** and will end on **October 31, 2019**. Transportation services for Fire Island National Seashore operate seasonally from mid-May to mid- October.



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“Through the use of concession contracts, the National Park Service is able to provide essential services to park visitors,” stated Superintendent Chris Soller. “The service provided through this contract helps ensure that the visitor’s first impression of Fire Island National Seashore is a positive and professional one.”

More information and a synopsis of the prospectus is available on the Federal Business Opportunities web site at <http://www.fbo.gov>.

- Solicitation # CC- FIIS004- 11 *Prospectus: A Concession Business Opportunity for the Passenger Ferry Transportation between the NPS Ferry Terminal in Patchogue and Watch Hill within Fire Island National Seashore* may also be viewed online at: <http://www.concessions.nps.gov/fiis004- 11.htm>.

A printed copy of the prospectus is available upon request for a cost recovery charge of \$50.00 per copy to be delivered via Federal Express or \$40 per copy if picked up in person.

To request a copy, provide a check or money order made payable to the National Park Service (*no cash or credit cards accepted*), and include a street address (*no post office box*). Contact **Kathleen Karhnak- Glasby**, Senior Concessions Specialist, National Park Service, Northeast Region, by mail at 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 or by phone at 215- 597- 7062.

If you choose to retrieve a copy of the prospectus from the website, please contact Kathleen Karhnak- Glasby so that you can be placed on a mailing list to receive modifications and other correspondence. Questions in response to this prospectus are due in writing to the address above no later than 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on February 10, 2011.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/fiis. To learn more about concession operations in the National Park Service visit www.concessions.nps.gov

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