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Bids Solicited for Fire Island National Seashore Ferry Service Transportation of Visitors and Freight to Watch Hill and to Sailors Haven on Fire Island

Patchogue, NY—Fire Island National Seashore announced today the notice of availability of a prospectus for solicitation of proposals for a 10- year concession contract to provide ferry service for visitors and freight from Patchogue, New York to Watch Hill on Fire Island. Additional services are authorized in this proposal for charter transportation services, charter and scheduled service to Barrett Beach on Fire Island, and on- board sale of convenience items and snacks. The area assigned to the concessioner in Patchogue includes a parking lot and terminal building. All personnel, equipment and supplies needed to operate shall be provided by the concessioner. A pre- proposal site visit is planned for August 21, 2007. The new contract is expected to be effective in January 2008.

A similar prospectus will soon be announced for ferry service to Sailors Haven from Sayville, New York. Transportation services for Fire Island National Seashore operate from mid- May to mid October.

“We work closely with the concessioners in the park, our partners in providing essential services for park visitors,” stated Deputy Superintendent Sean McGuinness. “The services provided by these contracts help make that first impression of Fire Island National Seashore.”



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More information and a synopsis of the prospectus is available on the Federal Business Opportunities web site at [www.fbo.gov/spg/DOI/NPS/APC- IS/FIIS00407/SynopsisP.html](http://www.fbo.gov/spg/DOI/NPS/APC-IS/FIIS00407/SynopsisP.html).

The complete *Prospectus for the Operation of Ferry Service from Patchogue, New York to Watch Hill Fire Island, New York within Fire Island National Seashore* may be viewed on- line at www.nps.gov/fiis/upload/2008_WatchHillFerryProspectus_8-01-2007.pdf. (120 pages, 2,797 KB). A printed copy of the entire prospectus is available upon written request for a cost recovery charge of \$20.00 per copy. To request a copy, provide a check or money order made payable to the National Park Service (no cash accepted). A Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Social Security Number (SSN) is required on all checks and money orders. Please include a street address (not post office box) and telephone number. Contact Katharine Spirtes, National Park Service, Fire Island National Seashore, 120 Laurel Street, Patchogue, New York 11772 or by e- mail at Katharine_Spirtes@nps.gov. No telephone requests for the prospectus will be honored.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/fiis.

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