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

Patchogue, NY—Fire Island National Seashore announced today the notice of availability of two prospectuses for solicitation of proposals for 10- year concession contracts to provide ferry service for visitors from 1) Patchogue, New York to Watch Hill on Fire Island, and 2) from Sayville, New York to Sailors Haven on Fire Island. Additional services are authorized in each 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. For the Sailors Haven ferry, the concessioner must arrange for a point of embarkation from Sayville. All personnel, equipment and supplies needed to operate shall be provided by the concessioner. A pre-proposal site visit is planned for Thursday, February 21, 2008 to tour Sailors Haven facilities. A pre- proposal site visit is planned for Friday, February 22, 2008 to tour the Patchogue and Watch Hill facilities. Both will include a tour of Barrett Beach.

The new contract is expected to be effective by May 2008. Transportation services for Fire Island National Seashore operate from mid- May to mid- October. The National Park Service has announced the intent to extend the existing contracts, which expired on December 31, 2007, for up to one year or until the new 10- year contracts are signed.



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“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.”

More information and a synopsis of the prospectus for Watch Hill Ferry Service is available on the Federal Business Opportunities web site at www.fbo.gov/spg/DOI/NPS/APC-IS/FIIS00408/listing.html. Information and a prospectus synopsis for Sailors Haven Ferry Service is available at www.fbo.gov/spg/DOI/NPS/APC-IS/FIIS00308/listing.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* and the *Prospectus for the Operation of Ferry Service from Sayville, New York to Sailors Haven Fire Island, New York within Fire Island National Seashore* may be viewed on-line at: <http://www.concessions.nps.gov/Prospectus.cfm>.

A printed copy of each 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) and specify which of the prospectuses you want. 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. To learn more about concession operations in the National Park Service visit www.concessions.nps.gov

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