

AMENDMENT NO. 1
SOLICITATION No. CC-GRSM007-27

To: All Recipients of the Prospectus, CC-GRSM007-27, to Provide Guided Horseback Rides, Wagon and/or Carriage Rides, Vending, Firewood and Ice, Camper Convenience Items, Souvenirs, and Souvenir Photography, Smokemont Riding Stables within Great Smoky Mountains National Park

This notice amends the Prospectus with the following updates and additions. Amendment 1 will be available at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/concessions/prospectuses.htm>.

In the Prospectus issued June 25, 2026, the National Park Service (“Service”) stated it would respond to questions about the Prospectus if submitted in writing and received by July 17, 2026. Questions were received timely, and the National Park Service responds to those questions below.

In developing this Prospectus, the Service relied on the advice of consultants. The reports, studies, and documents provided to the Service by the consultants are protected by the deliberative process privilege under the Freedom of Information Act. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). To the extent, if any, that the answers below disclose any information contained in those reports, studies, and documents, such disclosure will not be considered a waiver of the deliberative process privilege by the Service with respect to those reports, studies, and documents as a whole or to any other information contained therein.

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Service Responses to Offeror's Questions on Solicitation No. CC-GRSM007-27

Question 1-1: It is very important for the horses that they get some turnout time each day for their health and well being. Currently, as there is no pasture available, the stables doesn't have an area for them to be turned out for stretching and exercise.. At one time the Towstring pasture was available to the stables. Is it something that could be taken under consideration and added to the contract for the stables to have access to 1-2 acres of the Towstring pasture again just for turnout purposes? I have attached a pdf of the area I am referring to and highlighted the area.

Answer:

The identified pasture area near the Smokemont Riding Stables is currently utilized by and managed for the Service stock program within the Park. The Service may reevaluate this usage at a later date, though there are currently no plans to reassign this area for concessioner use.

Question 1-2: Is the vendor able to concrete the current stall barn floor and stalls?

Answer:

No, the barn and stall structures at Smokemont Riding Stables are personal property that are temporary in nature.

Question 1-3: The Under exhibit 9 for the Estimated Initial Investment of \$488,800, does that number include the horses and tack?

Answer:

Yes, the estimated initial investment of \$488,800 includes horses and tack.

Question 1-4: On Exhibit B of the operating plan under Rate Determination and Approval Process it states the rate approval method will be Competitive Market Declaration. However, I do not see that written in the draft contract as such. Can you confirm the rate method chosen is Competitive Market Declaration.

Answer:

Yes, the rate method is Competitive Market Declaration for the services of the Draft Contract. No method is specified in the Contract, but is described in the Operating Plan accurately.

Question 1-5: is the current vendor a preferred offeror. It states in the prospectus that he is not but the proposal instructions said he is.

Answer:

The Service has determined, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. Part 51, that the Existing Concessioner is not a "preferred offeror" who is eligible to exercise a right of preference for the award of the Draft Contract. The Proposal Instructions are being amended to resolve this inconsistency.

**Service Amendments to Prospectus Documents for Solicitation
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Inside Cover

The "Proposals Due" date was updated from August 26, 2026, to September 30, 2026.

Proposal Instructions

The following updates have been made to the Preferred Offeror Determinations section, Section 9:

Removed "Under the provisions of 36 C.F.R. Part 51, Subparts E and F, the Service has determined that this is a qualified concession contract and a preferred offeror exists for this contract"

Replaced with "Under the provisions of 36 C.F.R. Part 51, Subparts E and F, the Service has determined that this is not a qualified concession contract, and, therefore, no preferred offeror for this contract exists."