



# USS ARIZONA

## National Memorial

Aloha,

The National Park Service is developing a Commercial Services Plan for the USS *Arizona* Memorial. The plan will identify the types and levels of commercial activities necessary and/or appropriate for the Memorial, and the most effective and efficient method for the National Park Service to manage those activities. At this stage of the process, the planning team is developing the framework from which all decisions will be made. Your input at this time is important so that the planning team can learn directly from you on what you perceive to be the key planning issues relevant to the commercial services at the Memorial.

I invite you to review and comment on this list of preliminary issues and goals to ensure that the planning framework accurately reflects the perspectives of the interested public. You may send your comments and/or suggestions to Mr. Tom Fake, Project Director, via email at Tom\_Fake@nps.gov, or by regular mail. The mailing address is 1 Arizona Memorial Place, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96818. I also cordially invite you to participate in a public scoping meeting on December 13, 2006, at 6:00 PM and December 14, at 3:30 PM at the USS *Arizona* Memorial in one of the theaters, where you can meet the planning team to provide input relevant to the commercial services planning effort.

Thank you for your interest. I look forward to your input throughout the planning process for commercial services at the USS *Arizona* Memorial.

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### Public Scoping Meeting

December 13, 2006  
6:00 p.m.

December 14, 2006  
3:30 p.m.

USS *Arizona* Memorial Theater

CSP/EA Process Milestones		Public Involvement Opportunities
<b>December 2006</b>	<b>Project Scoping</b> Development and finalization of Planning Framework (i.e., purpose and need, goals for CSP, planning issues)	(1) Attend public scoping meeting (2) Provide comments/suggestions on preliminary goals and planning issues via email, regular mail, or in person at the scoping meeting
<b>We Are Here</b> →		
<b>Spring 2007</b>	<b>Develop &amp; Evaluate Alternatives</b> Develop a reasonable range of alternatives consistent with Planning Framework, and evaluate potential impacts associated with each alternative	(1) Provide comments on ongoing CSP/EA process via email, regular mail
<b>Summer 2007</b>	<b>Prepare and Publish Draft CSP/EA</b> Present planning issues, management alternatives (including a Preferred Alternative), and impacts associated with each alternative	(1) Provide comments/suggestions on Draft CSP/EA via email or regular mail (2) Attend next public meeting
<b>Fall 2007</b>	<b>Document Decisions and Publish Final CSP</b> Revise Draft CSP based on public comments, further analysis, and additional information.	
<b>Spring 2008</b>	<b>Implementation</b> Implement Final CSP	



## Commercial Services Planning

NPS must determine what types of commercial activities are necessary or appropriate at the Memorial. The National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 mandates that services operating under Concessions Contracts at the Memorial be necessary and appropriate because they involve a commitment of resources. Other authorized commercial activities, such as those operating under a Commercial Use Authorization, must be appropriate. All commercial activities must operate in a manner that is consistent with the mission of the Memorial. This means that all commercial activities operating within the *Arizona* should provide high quality visitor experiences while protecting important natural, cultural, and scenic resources.

Among other issues, the CSP shall address types of services to be offered at the Memorial, and such issues as pedestrian/vehicle traffic routes, capacity and congestion issues (i.e., long waiting periods), entities authorized to provide commercial services (e.g., NPS, holders of Commercial Use Authorizations, special use permits, and concessioners), and partnerships with other stakeholder groups. In particular, the plan shall include a feasibility study to determine whether concession operations for visitors is both (a) necessary and/or appropriate, and (b) economically feasible.



## Environmental Assessment

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is triggered when a federal action, such as the adoption of a formal plan guiding or prescribing uses of federal resources upon which future agency actions will be based, may have an impact on the environment. The *Arizona* CSP constitutes such an action, and thus requires the preparation of an EA to provide the analysis and public input needed to determine whether the potential for significant impacts exists.

## Public Involvement

An important mechanism inherent in NEPA is the meaningful involvement of the interested and affected public in the NEPA process. As such, the Council for Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations (as established in 40 CFR 1500-1508) require that all Federal Agencies make a diligent effort to involve the public in the NEPA process. Opportunities for public involvement in this commercial services planning effort are outlined on the previous page.

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