

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

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Notice of Intent To Award a Sole-Source Concession Contract for Yellowstone National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed award of a sole-source concession contract for Yellowstone National Park.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a sole-source concession contract for the conduct of certain visitor services within Yellowstone National Park. The visitor services include food and beverage and retail.

DATES: The term of the sole-source concession contract will commence (if awarded) no earlier than sixty (60) days from the publication of this notice, but the National Park Service intends for the term to begin March 1, 2022 (estimated) and end December 31, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt Rausch, Program Chief, Commercial Services Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 2410, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone: 202-513-7156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.25, the Director of the National Park Service (Service) may award a concession contract non-competitively upon a determination that extraordinary circumstances exist under which compelling and equitable considerations require the award of the concession contract to a particular qualified person in the public interest and that such an award is otherwise consistent with the requirements of part 51. Contracts that are awarded non-competitively under this authority are commonly referred to as “sole-source” contracts. The Service has determined that the proposed award of a sole-source contract to DNC Parks and Resorts at Yellowstone, LLC is necessary based on the following information.

The extraordinary circumstances in this instance include delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the required updates to the YELL002 prospectus as a result of the pandemic’s socio-economic impacts, as such impacts affected the assumptions developed for the prospectus to such an extent that the Service could not release the prospectus in July 2020 as originally planned. Additionally, the Service has exhausted the time allowed for temporary contracts authorized under

36 CFR 51.24, and does not have sufficient time to update the assumptions and requirements for a new prospectus, solicit and evaluate proposals, provide the 60-day notice to Congress, and competitively award a new contract before the expiration of the temporary contract on February 28, 2022.

The Service has determined that DNC Parks and Resorts at Yellowstone, LLC is a “qualified person” as defined by 36 CFR 51.3, and has determined that compelling and equitable considerations exist as only DNC Parks and Resorts at Yellowstone, LLC, having provided the visitor services since 2002 and having already made the investments necessary to provide the operations, is positioned to provide the visitor services without having potentially severe consequences to visitors to the Park.

The Service has determined that a sole-source concession contract is in the public interest because it is the authorization most likely to avoid interruption of visitor services and provide for the continued maintenance of government-owned facilities.

This is not a request for proposals. The publication of this notice reflects the intent of the Service but does not bind the Service to award the sole-source contract. Should the Service award the sole-source contract, the NPS will ensure such award is otherwise consistent with the requirements of part 51.

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Associate Director, Business Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Nomination and Request for Payment Form for OSMRE’s National Technical Training Courses

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to Mark Gehlhar, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Room 4556-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to mgehlhar@osmre.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1029-0120 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Mark Gehlhar by email at mgehlhar@osmre.gov, or by telephone at (202) 208-2716. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 30, 2021 (86 FR 54236). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;