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Interested Parties:

The National Forests and Grasslands in Texas (NFGT) is pleased to announce the availability of a prospectus for a special-use permit for Double Lake Recreation Area. This prospectus is being issued to solicit applications for a concession campground and related Granger-Thye Concessions' special-use permit. A permit to provide high-quality public service in the operation and maintenance of Government-owned recreation facilities located on the Sam Houston National Forest will be issued.

The Prospectus will be available for viewing on the FedBizOpps.gov website (<https://www.fbo.gov>) under solicitation number AG-447U-S-16-0052 and the NFGT website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/texas>. Here you will find the main prospectus document, as well as all appendices. Detailed information on this business opportunity, Forest Service concession program and policies, special use permit, application and post-selection requirements will be available in the prospectus. This website will also serve as the main source for all prospectus-related information and updates throughout this solicitation and selection process. Detailed information on the recreation facilities and historic income are available in the prospectus. And it identifies the specific list of facilities included in this solicitation. This area is currently under concession with one special-use permit. The current permit expires on December 31, 2016. The new permit will be issued for a term of five years, with the option for an additional five year term.

The recreation site listed is a single-bid item. If you decide to submit a proposal, your prospectus proposal must be received by close of business (4:00 p.m. – central time) on August 12, 2016 and must be submitted to Mark Van Every, Forest Supervisor, National Forests & Grasslands in Texas, 2221 N. Raguet St., Lufkin, TX 75904. A selection will be made during August 2016 so that permits may be issued by early January, 2017.

Please review the prospectus carefully. Applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the recreation site before submitting an application. An on-site pre-bid tour is scheduled for 10:00 am July 21, 2016. Each applicant is expected to make an independent assessment of the business opportunity offered in this prospectus. You will need your own vehicle to tour the site.

Applicants must submit five (5) copies of their application package and supporting documents in hardcopy format. The same number of copies of the Business Plan must be submitted as a separate document. Unless requested in writing to return proposals, all unsuccessful applicant's proposals and supporting documents will be destroyed after the appropriate appeal period. Please review application procedures carefully as portions of the selected applicant's package will become part of the special-use permit. Also, please ensure all requested information is submitted. Missing or incomplete information will result in a lower rating for the corresponding evaluation criteria.



Please contact Daniel P. Jauregui, Wildlife/Recreation Program Manager, by phone 936-344-6205, or by email at djauregui@fs.fed.us, for further information about the campground, the site tour or the application process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Warren L. Oja

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