



File Code: 2330

Date: February 11, 2011

Dear Interested Party:

A Prospectus for campground concessions beginning February 1, 2012, has been issued by the Bighorn National Forest. The Prospectus solicits for proposals to operate and maintain campgrounds under a Special Use Permit. The operator is responsible for all operations and specified maintenance of the permitted recreation facilities. Fees collected from users accrue to the concessionaire, with a percentage returned to the Government in the form of Granger-Thye fee offset projects to be completed by the permittee. A single permit to provide high quality public service in the operation of Government owned recreation facilities will be issued to replace the current Special Use Permit which terminates on December 31, 2011. The term of the permit is five (5) years, with an additional five (5) years that may be awarded non-competitively upon satisfactory completion of the original term. At the end of the second five (5) year period, the permit will automatically terminate, and a new permit may be issued through a competitive process.

The Prospectus includes 30 campgrounds located on the Medicine Wheel/Paintrock, Powder River, and Tongue Ranger Districts located in the Big Horn Mountains of north-central Wyoming. The Forest Headquarters is located in Sheridan, with District Offices in Buffalo, Lovell, and Sheridan, Wyoming.

The Prospectus, Sample Operating Plan, and other appendices are now available. Applicants will have until 4:30 p.m. on September 9, 2011, to submit a complete proposal. Detailed information on this business opportunity, Forest Service concession program and policies, Special Use Permit, application and post-selection requirements are available in the Prospectus.

An informational meeting and field tour will be held the week of July 11, 2011. An itinerary and logistical information will be posted in March 2011 on the Forest web site www.fs.usda.gov/bighorn.

The Prospectus can be downloaded from the Bighorn National Forest website www.fs.usda.gov/bighorn or at www.FedBizOpps.gov. Requests for alternative formats (CD-ROM or hard copy) and any questions should be directed to Dave McKee, Forest Recreation Staff Officer, at 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, WY 82801, or by phone at (307) 674-2636. Please include full contact information with your Prospectus request.



Proposals submitted in response to the final Prospectus are subject to cost recovery pursuant to 36 CFR 251.58(c)(1)(ii) and (c)(3)(iii). Applicants must submit an initial processing fee of \$250.00 to cover the cost of the Prospectus and review of the application. Payments due the United States for this proposal must be paid in the form of a bank draft, money order, or cashier's check payable to the USDA-Forest Service. Payments will be credited on the date received by the designated Forest Service collection officer or deposit location.

Sincerely,

/s/ William T. Bass
WILLIAM T. BASS
Forest Supervisor

cc: Dave McKee