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PUBLIC NOTICE – INVITATION TO BID FOR CONCESSION SERVICES

Operation of Food And Beverage Concession at Gulf State Park

Deadline for Receipt of Bid Proposals: May 13, 2024, at 2:00 pm Central Time

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Parks Division, will receive bids at the time and date hereinafter specified, for the sale of **food and alcoholic beverages at the Gulf State Park Pier** by concession contract at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, Baldwin County, Alabama.

The park facilities to be operated by the successful bidder are specified in the concession contract for the park and are available upon request. Each bidder should personally examine the facilities offered. Arrangements for such examination shall be made by email or telephone request to: Toni Hart, Toni.Hart@dcnr.alabama.gov, 334-242-3334.

THE DEADLINE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS IS 2 PM CENTRAL TIME ON THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2024. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE THE STATE PARKS DIVISION ACTUALLY RECEIVES THE BID PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

All bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes in the form and manner prescribed and should be marked clearly on the outside of the envelope with the words “SEALED BID OPERATION OF FOOD AND DRINK CONCESSION AT GULF STATE PARK, TO BE OPENED AT 2 PM CENTRAL TIME FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2024” to avoid the opening of the bid as ordinary mail. BIDS MUST INCLUDE THE PERCENTAGE AMOUNT THE BIDDER PROPOSES TO PAY THE STATE OF ALABAMA, DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE PARKS DIVISION BASED ON TOTAL SALES AS WELL AS ALL OTHER AMOUNTS REFERRED TO IN THE CONCESSION CONTRACT. NO ALTERATIONS OR EXCEPTIONS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS INVITATION, THE BID, AND CONTRACT. BIDS MUST BE MAILED TO: ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE PARKS DIVISION, ROOM 538, 64 NORTH UNION STREET, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, 36130. Bids will be opened at 2 PM Central Time on Friday, May 24, 2024, in the State Park Division’s Conference Room, located at 64 North Union Street, Room 539, Montgomery, Alabama 36130.

The concession contract will be granted pursuant to the provisions contained in Section 9-14-20 et seq., Code of Alabama (1975). All bidders must submit with their bids proof of at least five (5) years actual experience in the operation of similar activities and a complete financial statement, which shall be subject to verification. The

experience required hereby must be personal experience if the bid is submitted by an individual, or it must be the experience of the entity itself in the case of bids submitted by firms, companies, partnerships, associations or corporations, etc.

The successful bidder will be required to provide a faithful performance bond, as well as insurance coverage, in amounts as specified in the concession contract. All interested parties are notified that the successful bidder will generally be required to provide items and equipment.

The successful bidder shall be responsible for the full maintenance and upkeep of the facilities, all equipment used in connection therewith, and the grounds adjacent to said facilities. All rates, charges, and fees of whatever kind shall be subject to audit and adjustment by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The term of the concession contract shall run from the date of the Governor's signature and expire after a two-year period with an option to extend the term for an additional two (2) years by mutual agreement of the parties.

The successful bidder shall have twenty (20) days after receipt of the concession contract to execute it and furnish the performance bond, insurance policy, and all additional required information and documents necessary to complete the contract process. In the event the successful bidder has not performed in the time limit presented, the Commissioner may treat the failure as a refusal and the rights of the successful bidder may be terminated.

The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All requirements of State law not otherwise set out in this notice, governing the operation of these facilities and the letting of this contract, shall apply to this invitation and any concession contract made pursuant thereto.

Concessionaire agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including, but limited to, nondiscrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, color, sex, pregnancy, genetic information, veteran status, national origin or disability.

Questions regarding this Bid Notice should be directed to: [Nicole Cabarrubia] at [251-948-7275 ext. 62003] and [gulf.statepark@dcnr.alabama.gov].

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability, pregnancy, genetic information or veteran status in its hiring or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.