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National Park Service Invites Five Proposals for Next Steps in Long Term Lease Of Historic Boat Shop and Marina

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As our communities deal with the tragic COVID-19 pandemic National Park Service staff continue to work from home on long term projects important to our mission and our communities. This announces another important project for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and southern Marin communities at our Fort Baker area- the Historic Boat Shop Request for Proposals (RFP). This project continues next steps to implement the vision for the historic boat shop and marina complex laid out in the approved Fort Baker master plan and environmental impact statement in 2000.

In 2019, the NPS invited prospective partners to lease and operate a waterfront community center at Fort Baker's historic boat shop and marina complex. Five respondents submitted their RFQ and presented their program concepts and qualifications to the public on June 17, 2019.

Today, the NPS announced that all five respondents will be invited to the next phase where they will submit a more detailed Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP phase of competition will lead to selection of a single organization for exclusive contract negotiations. The RFP, which will be formally announced later this summer, will require the five offerors to prepare more detailed program proposals as well as pre-schematic rehabilitation plans. The historic complex, anchored by an 8,500-square-foot historic WWII boat repair shop, operated as a beloved lounge and recreation center and associated marina. This has been under military management for more than 50 years, and most recently under Special Use Permit from the National Park Service, which has been extended to allow for this RFP process.

The five responding organizations asked to participate by submitting an RFP include:

U.S. Dept. of the Air Force, 60th Force Support Squadron (Travis AFB, CA)
Fort Baker Waterfront Partners, LLC (Sausalito, CA)
Golden Gate Boat Shop, LLC (Mill Valley, CA)
Kenwood Investments, LLC (Sacramento, CA)
SWITCH E-Maritime, LLC (Dover, DE)

“This is a unique site with stunning views of the Golden Gate. It has a rich history as a former active military base, and a place for veterans and the public to relax and enjoy this slice of Southern Marin waterfront,” said Charles Strickfaden, Golden Gate National Recreation Area Director of Communications. “Throughout this process we have shared the public’s desire to retain the feel of this unique bayside waterfront and continue our long-term plan for ensuring public facilities and an experience that is welcoming to all.”

Following an evaluation process by the NPS, a single RFP respondent will be selected later this year for exclusive negotiations, leading to a development agreement and eventual lease with the NPS. The selected tenant will be responsible for financing all rehabilitation and improvements as well as operating the facility during the term of a lease, which is expected to begin in 2022.

For more information about the RFQ-RFP and the sequence of significant milestones during this spring and summer, including the RFP release and public presentation (when a location and date is finalized), please check the park’s project web site:
<https://www.nps.gov/goga/getinvolved/fortbakerrfq.htm>.

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[Golden Gate National Recreation Area](#), situated in and around San Francisco, is the most visited park in the National Park Service, hosting more than 15 million visitors in 2018. A diverse park with abundant recreational opportunities, as well as natural, cultural, and scenic resources, it encompasses more than 80,000 acres across three counties. The park also administers two other NPS areas, [Fort Point National Historic Site](#), a Civil War era fortress built on the northernmost point of land in San Francisco, and [Muir Woods National Monument](#), which comprises an impressive stand of old growth coastal redwoods in Marin County.

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