

(3) one member shall be privately employed in the accounting industry;

(4) one member shall be privately employed in the outfitting and guide industry;

(5) one member shall be a State government employee with expertise in park concession management;

(6) one member shall be active in promotion of traditional arts and crafts; and

(7) one member shall be active in a nonprofit conservation organization involved in parks and recreation programs.

(d) Termination

The Advisory Board shall continue to exist until December 31, 2009. In all other respects, it shall be subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

(e) Service on Advisory Board

Service of an individual as a member of the Advisory Board shall not be considered as service or employment bringing such individual within the provisions of any Federal law relating to conflicts of interest or otherwise imposing restrictions, requirements, or penalties in relation to the employment of persons, the performance of services, or the payment or receipt of compensation in connection with claims, proceedings, or matters involving the United States. Service as a member of the Advisory Board shall not be considered service in an appointive or elective position in the Government for purposes of section 8344 of title 5 or other comparable provisions of Federal law.

(Pub. L. 105-391, title IV, §409, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3512; Pub. L. 111-11, title VII, §7403, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1219.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-11 substituted “2009” for “2008”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 5959. Contracting for services

(a) Contracting authorized

(1) To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall contract with private entities to conduct or assist in those elements of the management of the National Park Service concessions program considered by the Secretary to be suitable for non-Federal performance. Such management elements include each of the following:

(A) Health and safety inspections.

(B) Quality control of concessions operations and facilities.

(C) Strategic capital planning for concessions facilities.

(D) Analysis of rates and charges to the public.

(2) The Secretary may also contract with private entities to assist the Secretary with each of the following:

(A) Preparation of the financial aspects of prospectuses for National Park Service concessions contracts.

(B) Development of guidelines for a national park system capital improvement and maintenance program for all concession occupied facilities.

(C) Making recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service regarding the conduct of annual audits of concession fee expenditures.

(b) Other management elements

The Secretary shall also consider, taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Board, contracting out other elements of the concessions management program, as appropriate.

(c) Condition

Nothing in this section shall diminish the governmental responsibilities and authority of the Secretary to administer concessions contracts and activities pursuant to this subchapter and sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title. The Secretary reserves the right to make the final decision or contract approval on contracting services dealing with the management of the National Park Service concessions program under this section.

(Pub. L. 105-391, title IV, §410, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3514.)

§ 5960. Multiple contracts within park

If multiple concessions contracts are awarded to authorize concessioners to provide the same or similar outfitting, guiding, river running, or other similar services at the same approximate location or resource within a specific national park, the Secretary shall establish a comparable franchise fee structure for all such same or similar contracts, except that the terms and conditions of any existing concessions contract shall not be subject to modification or open to renegotiation by the Secretary because of an award of a new contract at the same approximate location or resource.

(Pub. L. 105-391, title IV, §411, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3514.)

§ 5961. Special rule for transportation contracting services

(a) In general

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a service contract entered into by the Secretary for the provision solely of transportation services in a unit of the National Park System shall be no more than 10 years in length, including a base period of 5 years and annual extensions for an additional 5-year period based on satisfactory performance and approval by the Secretary.

(b) Obligation of funds

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to a service contract for the provision solely of transportation services at Zion National Park, the Secretary may obligate the expenditure of fees received in fiscal year 2002

under section 5981 of this title before the fees are received.

(Pub. L. 105-391, title IV, §412, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3515; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(3) [title I, §143], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-171; Pub. L. 106-291, title I, §139, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 949; Pub. L. 107-63, title I, §122, Nov. 5, 2001, 115 Stat. 440.)

AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-63 substituted “2002” for “2001”.

2000—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-291 substituted “2001” for “2000”.

1999—Pub. L. 106-113 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

§ 5962. Use of nonmonetary consideration in concessions contracts

Section 1302 of title 40, relating to the leasing of buildings and properties of the United States, shall not apply to contracts awarded by the Secretary pursuant to this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 105-391, title IV, §413, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3515.)

CODIFICATION

“Section 1302 of title 40” substituted in text for “Section 321 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (40 U.S.C. 303b)” on authority of Pub. L. 107-217, §5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, the first section of which enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

§ 5963. Recordkeeping requirements

(a) In general

Each concessioner shall keep such records as the Secretary may prescribe to enable the Secretary to determine that all terms of the concessions contract have been and are being faithfully performed, and the Secretary and any duly authorized representative of the Secretary shall, for the purpose of audit and examination, have access to such records and to other books, documents, and papers of the concessioner pertinent to the contract and all terms and conditions thereof.

(b) Access to records

The Comptroller General or any duly authorized representative of the Comptroller General shall, until the expiration of 5 calendar years after the close of the business year of each concessioner or subconcessioner, have access to and the right to examine any pertinent books, papers, documents and records of the concessioner or subconcessioner related to the contract or contracts involved.

(Pub. L. 105-391, title IV, §414, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3515.)

§ 5964. Promotion of sale of Indian, Alaska Native, Native Samoan, and Native Hawaiian handicrafts

(a) In general

Promoting the sale of authentic United States Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Samoan, and Native Hawaiian handicrafts relating to the cultural, historical, and geographic characteristics of units of the National Park System is encouraged, and the Secretary shall ensure that there

is a continuing effort to enhance the handicraft trade where it exists and establish the trade in appropriate areas where such trade currently does not exist.

(b) Exemption from franchise fee

In furtherance of these purposes, the revenue derived from the sale of United States Indian, Alaska Native, Native Samoan, and Native Hawaiian handicrafts shall be exempt from any franchise fee payments under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 105-391, title IV, §416, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3516.)

§ 5965. Regulations

As soon as practicable after the effective date of this subchapter, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations appropriate for its implementation. Among other matters, such regulations shall include appropriate provisions to ensure that concession services and facilities to be provided in a unit of the National Park System are not segmented or otherwise split into separate concessions contracts for the purposes of seeking to reduce anticipated annual gross receipts of a concessions contract below \$500,000. The Secretary shall also promulgate regulations which further define the term “United States Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian handicrafts” for the purposes of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 105-391, title IV, §417, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3516.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The effective date of this subchapter, referred to in text, probably means the date of enactment of this subchapter, which was approved Nov. 13, 1998.

§ 5966. Commercial use authorizations

(a) In general

To the extent specified in this section, the Secretary, upon request, may authorize a private person, corporation, or other entity to provide services to visitors to units of the National Park System through a commercial use authorization. Such authorizations shall not be considered as concessions contracts pursuant to this subchapter nor shall other sections of this subchapter be applicable to such authorizations except where expressly so stated.

(b) Criteria for issuance of authorizations

(1) Required determinations

The authority of this section may be used only to authorize provision of services that the Secretary determines will have minimal impact on resources and values of the unit of the National Park System and are consistent with the purpose for which the unit was established and with all applicable management plans and park policies and regulations.

(2) Elements of authorization

The Secretary shall—

(A) require payment of a reasonable fee for issuance of an authorization under this section, such fees to remain available without further appropriation to be used, at a minimum, to recover associated management and administrative costs;