

BID SPECIFICATIONS

FOOD/NOVELTY (WITH FACILITY) CONCESSION

Bass River State Forest (“Area”), Bass River Township, Burlington County, New Jersey

1. SCOPE OF CONCESSION

- A. Concessionaire shall be granted, under a Concession Agreement (“Agreement”), subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the non-exclusive, revocable right to dispense food, non-alcoholic beverages, and novelties (hereinafter referred to as the “Concession Operation”) at Bass River State Forest. Concessionaire’s operation shall be limited to the structure(s) or area(s) provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) for concession purposes and specifically designated in Exhibit A (hereinafter referred to as the “Concession Premises”). The Concession Agreement shall extend only to those activities undertaken by authorized employees, volunteers, and agents of the Concession Operation (collectively and severally included in “Concessionaire”).
- B. Concessionaire shall be authorized, as part of the Concession Operation, to sell food and non-alcoholic beverages. Concessionaire shall be solely responsible for obtaining all necessary State licenses, inspections, and approvals before selling food and non-alcoholic beverages. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to obtain and maintain the State licenses, inspections, and approvals for the sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11. Concessionaire shall be authorized, as part of the Concession Operation, to prepare food. Concessionaire shall be solely responsible for obtaining all necessary State licenses, inspections and approvals before preparing food. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to obtain and maintain the State licenses, inspections, and approvals for the preparation of food shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11. Concessionaire shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Health and any other agency of government with oversight over food preparation and service. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to comply with all such rules and regulations shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- C. Concessionaire shall submit to Department, for approval, a written list of items and prices for all food, non-alcoholic beverages, and novelty items. Concessionaire shall not commence any operations until Department approves the proposed prices in writing. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to obtain Department written pre-approval of the types and pricing of food, non-alcoholic beverages, and novelty items shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11. Permissible types of food and non-alcoholic beverages include, but are not limited to, a combination of items in each of the following categories: 1) Hot Food: hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, chicken nuggets, etc., 2) Cold Food: wraps, salads, gyros, or healthy alternatives, 3) Non-Alcoholic Beverages: soda, juice, water, etc., 4) Desserts: fruit, ice cream, cookies, pretzels, water ice, etc.
- D. Concessionaire’s operation and the Agreement shall not be construed so as to affect the privileges accorded to the public’s use of the Area. Concessionaire’s operation shall not be construed so as to restrain or prevent individual persons or groups of persons from bringing their own food and beverages into the Area.
- E. Concessionaire must maintain a physical staff presence at the Concession Premises while the Concession is open for business. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to maintain a staff presence at the Concession Premises while the Concession is open for business shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.

- F. Concessionaire shall use the Concession Premises solely for the purposes set forth above and is strictly prohibited from selling or permitting the sale or consumption of any alcoholic beverages thereon. In addition, the smoking or vaping of tobacco or marijuana products, and/or use of electronic smoking devices by Concessionaire, Concessionaire's employees or customers is strictly prohibited at the Area. Concessionaire shall be solely responsible for monitoring and informing all customers that alcohol, smoking, and vaping are strictly prohibited at the Area. Concessionaire may request customers open coolers to ensure there is no alcohol. Any customer refusing to comply with Concessionaire's request to inspect may be denied service. Further, Concessionaire shall display signage at the Concession Premises that will inform customers that alcohol, smoking, and vaping are strictly prohibited at the Area. Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this Paragraph shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- G. Concessionaire shall not install, operate, or allow the installation or operation of vending machines on the Concession Premises.
- H. Concessionaire's status shall be that of a licensee. Concessionaire, whose term on the Concession Premises shall be seasonal in nature, will not, in any way whatsoever, be granted or conveyed any permanent easement, lease, fee, or other interest in the Concession Premises.
- I. The storage of supplies, goods, or equipment is only permitted at the Concession Premises, as designated in Exhibit A. Concessionaire shall not be authorized to store any supplies, goods or equipment related to the operation of the Concession outside any Term of the Agreement. **Concessionaire shall remove all supplies, goods, and equipment from the Area within the designated ten (10) day "take-down" period set forth in Subparagraph 7(A).**

2. NOTICES TO BIDDERS

- i. Department recently completed capital improvements to the Bass River State Forest beach recreation complex, including construction of a new building. The concession will operate out of the new building. If Bidders would like to inspect the Concession Premises prior to bidding, please contact the Area Superintendent at (609) 306-2301.
- ii. **Changes to Payment Structure**
In past agreements, Department has calculated the minimum concession payments based on both the required and optional periods of operation, as defined in Paragraph 3 (concessionaires were required to pay for the full period, whether or not they chose to operate during the optional period (the Saturday before Memorial Day through June 30th)). For this concession opportunity, Department calculated the minimum concession payment set forth in Paragraph 5 based only on the required period of operation (July 1st through Labor Day). If concessionaire chooses to operate during the optional period of operation, concessionaire will be required to pay additional compensation in accordance with Subparagraph 7(A).
- iii. **Unscheduled Closures/No Payment Abatements**
All Bidders are hereby advised that the State Park Service facilities are subject to unscheduled closures for reasons including, but not limited to, health, public welfare, public safety, and government closures. These closures may result from harmful algal bloom (HAB), inclement weather, water quality, staffing shortages, emergencies, or other causes. All Bidders are further advised that swimming at the Area for any Term of the Agreement is not guaranteed and is subject to Department's ability to hire seasonal staffing, including lifeguards. State Park Service Lifeguards are responsible for the safety of park patrons utilizing State Park Service-administered bathing beaches. They are not hired to supplement concession operations. When lifeguards are not present, the park or recreation area is only closed to swimming: the entrance gates are open and beaches, cabins, and campgrounds (if applicable) are all still accessible to park patrons. Information pertaining to park closures can be found at the Area's website and social media pages. In accordance with Paragraph 41, payment abatements will not be given for

any reason. Bidders are cautioned to review the information provided below related to closures before submitting a bid to provide concession services.

Please see the below list of days during which the Area was closed over the past three (3) seasons:

- 2021 – Swimming area closed one hundred (100) days (entire season) due to lack of lifeguards/Covid-19 pandemic
- 2022 – Swimming area closed one hundred (100) days (entire season) due to lack of lifeguards
- 2023 – Swimming area closed one hundred (100) days (entire season) due to capital improvements

Department anticipates having lifeguards on duty during the 2024 summer season. However, as noted above, lifeguard staffing for the duration of the summer is not guaranteed.

3. **TERM**

- A. The “Initial Term” of the Agreement shall be from the “Effective Date of the Agreement’s Initial Term,” as defined in Subparagraph 4(A) through September 12, 2024. Subject to the requirements of Subparagraph 3(C), Concessionaire may request, in writing, a Renewal of the Agreement, which, if granted, shall start ten (10) calendar days prior to the Saturday before Memorial Day and shall end ten (10) calendar days after Labor Day (“Renewal Term”). The grant of a renewal request is in the sole discretion of Department. Department may grant no more than five (5) subsequent Renewal Terms following the Initial Term of the Agreement. Department reserves the right to suspend Concessionaire’s operations and/or terminate the Agreement for any material breach in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11. Furthermore, failure on the part of Concessionaire to submit Monthly Reports or the Annual Report, as described in Paragraphs 13 and 14, when due, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- B. Within the Initial Term and any subsequent Renewal Terms, the Period of Operation consists of:
 - i. Required Period of Operation (July 1st through Labor Day)
 - ii. Optional Period of Operation (the Saturday before Memorial Day through June 30th)
- C. If Concessionaire wishes to renew the Agreement, it must submit a request, in writing, to the address set forth in Paragraph 49. Any such request must be received on or before August 15th of the year prior to the year being sought for renewal. Should Concessionaire fail to submit a written renewal request by August 15th, the Agreement shall expire at the conclusion of the Agreement’s current Term, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 11. Department shall issue its decision regarding the grant or denial of a renewal request received in accordance with this Paragraph no later than February 1st of the year being sought for renewal.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

- A. For the purposes of the Agreement, the Effective Date of the Agreement’s Initial Term shall be the date the Agreement is fully executed by Department.
- B. For the purposes of the Agreement, the Effective Date for the commencement of any Renewal Term shall be the date on which the last of the following has occurred:

- (i) The Renewal Agreement is signed on behalf of Concessionaire and Department;
- (ii) Department dates the Renewal Agreement and forwards a copy to Concessionaire;
- (iii) The required Certificate(s) of Insurance under the Agreement is or are received by Department.

5. PAYMENTS

- A. For the Initial Term of the Agreement, Concessionaire shall pay Department a minimum Concession Payment of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the Required Period of Operation in accordance with the Concession Payment Schedule set forth in Exhibit B as consideration for the Concession, license and privilege granted. For subsequent Renewal Terms, if any, Concessionaire shall pay Department in accordance with the Concession Payment Schedule set forth in Exhibit B.
- B. For the Initial Term and subsequent Renewal Term(s) of the Agreement, if any, Concessionaire shall pay Department monthly utility payments in accordance with Paragraph 26 and the Concession Payment Schedule set forth in Exhibit B. Utility payments shall be made by separate check.
- C. For the Initial Term and subsequent Renewal Term(s) of the Agreement, if any, Concessionaire shall be required to pay additional compensation and additional utility payment(s) to Department if Concessionaire elects to open and operate during the Optional Period of Operation (the Saturday before Memorial Day to June 30th) in accordance with Subparagraph 7(A).
- D. For the Initial Term and subsequent Renewal Term(s) of the Agreement, if any, Concessionaire shall be required to pay additional compensation and additional utility payment(s) to Department if Concessionaire receives approval from Department to extend the Period of Operation in accordance with Paragraph 9.
- E. All payments shall be submitted by check made payable to **“Treasurer - State of New Jersey”** and be received on or before the scheduled payment date to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration
Public Land Administration Section
PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-07
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420
- F. If Concessionaire fails to pay required compensation at such time and in such manner as specified herein and in Exhibit B, such failure shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- G. Department may, at its discretion, require Concessionaire to make all payments for the Initial Term of the Agreement by certified or cashier's check only.
- H. All late Concession Payments shall be assessed a monthly penalty of five percent (5%) of the total amount due. A late payment shall be any payment received after the first (1st) calendar day of each month.
- I. In the event any check for payment is returned to Department, all future payments must be made by certified or cashier's check only.
- J. The total Concession Payment shall be increased by three (3%) percent for each of any Renewal Term(s), except, that after the first (1st) and third (3rd) Renewal Terms, if any, Department may increase the total Concession Payment pursuant to Compensation Analyses

performed in accordance with Paragraph 6. The total Concession Payment for any Renewal Term will be calculated by Department and shall be rounded up to the closest dollar.

6. COMPENSATION ANALYSIS

After the expiration of the first (1st) and third (3rd) Renewal Terms of the Agreement, if any, Department may perform Compensation Analyses. At such time, based on the reported Total Gross Revenue, performance of the Concession, and/or Department's existing rates for similarly-performing operations, Department may choose to increase the Concession Payment for the following Renewal Term(s), if any.

7. HOURS OF OPERATION AND LIMITATIONS

- A. During the Initial Term and any subsequent Renewal Term(s) of the Agreement, Concessionaire shall open and operate the Concession during the Period of Operation as follows:
 - i. Concessionaire shall have the option to open and operate the Concession from the Saturday before Memorial Day through June 30th ("Optional Period of Operation"). Concessionaire shall notify the Area Superintendent, in writing, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the proposed opening date. Concessionaire shall not open and operate the Concession from the Saturday before Memorial Day through June 30th without notifying the Area Superintendent, in writing, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the proposed opening date.
 - ii. Concessionaire shall be required to open the Concession from July 1st through Labor Day ("Required Period of Operation").
 - iii. For the Initial Term and any subsequent Renewal Term(s) of the Agreement, Concessionaire shall be authorized to enter the Concession Premises ten (10) calendar days prior to the Period of Operation, and ten (10) calendar days after Labor Day for Concession set-up and take-down. The ten (10) calendar days prior to the Period of Operation and the ten (10) calendar days after Labor Day, are solely to allow for Concession set-up and take-down, respectively. Concessionaire shall not be authorized to enter the Concession Premises prior to the ten (10) day set-up period or after the ten (10) day take-down period, as described in this Paragraph, without Department written pre-approval.
 - iv. Concessionaire shall be required to pay additional compensation and additional utility payment(s) to Department if Concessionaire elects to open and operate during the Optional Period of Operation (the Saturday before Memorial Day to June 30th). The additional compensation and utility payment(s) to Department for operation during the Optional Period of Operation shall be calculated by Department on a monthly basis or prorated by day and must be submitted by check made payable to **"Treasurer – State of New Jersey"** and sent to the address set forth in Subparagraph 5(E). The additional compensation must be received by Department within fourteen (14) calendar days of the first date of operation for the Optional Period of Operation.
- B. The Concession shall be open for business Friday through Sunday, and on the New Jersey observed days for Independence Day and Labor Day ("Approved Days of Operation"), during the Period of Operation for the Initial Term and any subsequent Renewal Term(s). Concessionaire shall open and operate the Concession during the Approved Days of Operation between the "Core Business Hours" of 11:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. The Concession must be prepped, fully operational, and capable of serving patrons not later than 11:00 a.m. each day of the Approved Days of Operation. Department reserves the right to have Concessionaire complete an attendance log at a location determined by Department.
- C. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to open for business during the Approved Days of Operation and during the Core Business Hours shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11. Concessionaire may request written approval

from the Area Superintendent to close the Concession during the Core Business Hours of an Approved Day of Operation for reasons including, but not limited to, weather and lifeguard staffing. All requests to close the Concession during the Core Business Hours of an Approved Day of Operation must be submitted to the Area Superintendent, in writing, at the address set forth in Paragraph 49 at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the requested closure. Concessionaire shall provide written justification for all closure requests. Approval of all closure requests shall be at the sole discretion of the Area Superintendent and will only be considered if requested on a limited basis. Requests for recurring or repeated closures will not be approved by the Area Superintendent and may impact the Department's decision to renew the Agreement for a Renewal Term. Concessionaire shall be deemed to not have permission to close the Concession without written approval from the Area Superintendent. Pursuant to Paragraph 41, payment abatements will not be given for any reason, including for Concessionaire-requested closures approved by the Area Superintendent.

- D. Department shall be the sole authority to determine whether an area of Bass River State Forest affecting the Concession Operation will be closed due to inclement weather or otherwise. Department is not responsible to Concessionaire for any loss or damage caused by such determination.
- E. Concessionaire shall be responsible for adequate staffing and operating the Concession during the Approved Days of Operation and during the Core Business Hours. Without written Area Superintendent approval pursuant to Subparagraph 7(C), failure on the part of Concessionaire to open the Concession during the Approved Days of Operation and during the Core Business Hours shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- F. Concessionaire shall be accessible by phone during the Core Business Hours at a number to be provided to Department and made publicly available at the Concession Premises and in any advertisement of the Concession Operation. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to be accessible by phone during the Core Business Hours shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- G. Concessionaire shall also provide Department with a private number where Concessionaire can be reached at any time.

8. ALTERNATE HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION

- A. Concessionaire may request authorization to extend the hours of operation beyond the Core Business Hours, by opening before 11:00 a.m. and/or closing after 3:00 p.m. All requests to extend hours of operation must be made in writing to Department at the address set forth in Paragraph 49 at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the proposed effective date. Concessionaire shall not implement the alternate hours of operation without written authorization from Department.
- B. Concessionaire may request authorization to extend the Approved Days of Operation, by opening Monday through Thursday (except for the New Jersey observed days for Independence Day and Labor Day which are Approved Days of Operation pursuant to Subparagraph 7(B)). All requests to extend the day(s) of operation must be made in writing to Department at the address set forth in Paragraph 49 ten (10) calendar days in advance of the proposed effective date. Concessionaire shall not implement the additional day(s) of operation without written authorization from Department.

9. EXTENSION OF THE SEASON

Concessionaire may request to extend the Period of Operation either prior to the Saturday before Memorial Day and/or after Labor Day. All requests must be made in writing to Department at the address set forth in Paragraph 49, fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of the proposed implementation. Approval of this request shall be within Department's sole discretion. Concessionaire shall be deemed to not have permission to extend the Period of Operation without written approval from Department. Additional compensation and utility payment(s) to Department for the extended period shall be calculated by Department on a

monthly basis or prorated by day and must be submitted by check made payable to **“Treasurer – State of New Jersey”** and sent to the address set forth in Subparagraph 5(E). The additional compensation must be received by Department in advance of operation for the extended period.

10. SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS

Concessionaire shall, at the direction of Department, immediately suspend, delay or interrupt Concessionaire's operation of all or any part of the Concession Premises for such period of time as Department may determine to be appropriate to protect the Concession Premises from damage and/or protect public health, safety, and welfare due to the occurrence of hazardous work conditions, emergency conditions, and/or any other cause including, but not limited to, Concessionaire's failure to perform any of the covenants, agreements, and conditions contained in the Agreement on its part to be performed. Concessionaire hereby waives any claim, and Department shall not be liable to any party claiming through Concessionaire, for damages, payment abatement, or compensation as a result of Department's actions under this Paragraph or the Agreement. Department's suspension of Concessionaire's operations shall be in addition to any other right or remedy available by law or in equity.

11. TERMINATION

- A. Concessionaire shall exercise direct and personal supervision of the Concession Operation. Failure to exercise such supervision and/or the existence of any condition at the Area or in the operation of the Concession which Department determines to be in violation of the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall be considered to be a material breach in which event Department may terminate the Agreement by written notice sent by regular and certified mail return receipt requested. Upon receipt of written notice of termination for violation, Concessionaire shall have such period of time as provided therein to cure such violation. If such violation is not cured within the period designated in said notice, termination shall, in the sole discretion of Department, be effective at the conclusion of the designated period.
- B. Without limiting the scope of Subparagraph A of this Paragraph, the Agreement shall automatically terminate in the event of Concessionaire's failure to pay, when due, any compensation or other sums or assessments to be paid by Concessionaire under the Agreement and the continuation of such failure to pay for a period of five (5) calendar days after Concessionaire's receipt of written notice thereof from Department. Concessionaire's failure to provide a utility payment pursuant to Paragraph 26 will result in the non-execution of the Agreement or a Renewal Agreement by Department, as applicable.
- C. Department expressly reserves the right to terminate the Agreement without notice in cases of emergency or where there exists or may exist risk to public health, safety, or welfare, as determined by Department in its sole discretion.
- D. Notwithstanding any provision or language to the contrary, Department may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, solely for the convenience of the State, by ninety (90) calendar days written notice to Concessionaire sent by regular and certified mail return receipt requested. Upon receipt of such notice, Concessionaire may choose for such termination to become effective immediately, or may instead continue to operate the Concession in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the notice or until the end of the current Agreement Term, whichever occurs sooner.
- E. Concessionaire may terminate the Agreement by ninety (90) calendar days written notice to Department sent by regular and certified mail return receipt requested. Upon receipt of such notice, Department may choose for such termination to become effective immediately. Otherwise, Concessionaire shall continue to operate the Concession in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the notice, until the end of the current Agreement Term, or upon selection by Department of a new Concessionaire, whichever occurs sooner.
- F. If at any time during the Initial Term or any subsequent Renewal Term of the Agreement, Concessionaire shall make any assignment for the benefit of creditors or be decreed insolvent

or bankrupt according to law, or if a receiver shall be appointed for Concessionaire, then Department may terminate the Agreement immediately by notice served upon the Concessionaire and the assignee, receiver, trustee or other person in charge, but such termination shall not release or discharge any payment or obligation then owed by Concessionaire to Department hereunder.

- G. Termination of the Agreement by either Department or Concessionaire, as herein provided, shall not release or discharge any payment obligation or liability owed by one to the other under the terms and conditions of the Agreement as of the date of such termination.
- H. Upon the expiration or termination of the Agreement, Department may at once re-enter and remove any and all persons occupying the Concession Premises. If Concessionaire fails to remove any property lawfully belonging to and removable by Concessionaire upon the expiration or termination of the Agreement, Department may appropriate same to its own use without allowing any compensation therefor, or may remove same at the expense of Concessionaire. In the event that Concessionaire removes any personal property, Concessionaire hereby covenants to pay any and all damages which may be caused to the property of Department by this removal.
- I. Any Department-initiated termination of the Agreement for cause or convenience pursuant to this Paragraph shall be considered sufficient grounds for Department, at its sole discretion, to terminate, upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to Concessionaire, any and all other Concession Agreements between Department and Concessionaire. Any Department-initiated termination for cause or convenience of another Concession Agreement between Department and Concessionaire shall be considered sufficient grounds for Department, at its sole discretion, to terminate the Agreement, upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to Concessionaire.

12. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

Concessionaire must have the capacity to send and receive electronic submissions and communications as a pre-condition and continuing requirement of the Agreement. For purposes of the Agreement, "Electronic Submissions" shall only include the transmission of documents by email. Concessionaire shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

- A. Concessionaire shall electronically submit all reports, including, but not limited to, Monthly Reports and Annual Reports required under Paragraphs 13 and 14, by email to: PublicLandAdministration@dep.nj.gov. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to submit reports electronically and in a timely fashion shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- B. Concessionaire shall maintain and monitor on a daily basis an active email address, designated for the Agreement and report any change to the email address during any Term of the Agreement. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to maintain and monitor the active email address, designated for the Agreement, shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.

13. MONTHLY REPORT

- A. A Monthly Report shall be submitted within ten (10) calendar days of the end of each calendar month of the Period of Operation. Each Monthly Report shall be signed, dated, and certified by Concessionaire, Concessionaire's Bookkeeper, or Accountant, and contain a Statement of Total Gross Receipts, excluding New Jersey State Sales Tax, derived by Concessionaire from operation of the Concession during the previous month. Each Monthly Report shall be based on the daily "Z" tapes or Point-of-Service (POS) device equivalent for that same month showing each day's sales activity. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to provide the Monthly Report, when due, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11. Concessionaire shall provide Department with any

additional written clarification and/or information necessary to confirm the accuracy of any or all of Concessionaire's Monthly Reports.

- B. The signed, dated and certified Monthly Report must be submitted, in the Department-approved format, within ten (10) calendar days of the end of each calendar month of the Period of Operation.

14. ANNUAL REPORT

- A. Concessionaire shall submit to Department, no later than October 15th following each Term the Agreement is in effect, an Annual Financial Statement ("Annual Report") for the prior Term. Each Annual Report shall be signed, dated, and certified by Concessionaire, Concessionaire's Bookkeeper, or Accountant, and contain the following: Total Gross Revenue, New Jersey State Sales Tax, Operating Expenses, and Net Profit from State Park Concession Operations. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to submit the Annual Report, when due, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and will result in the automatic non-Renewal of the Agreement if any potential Renewal Term(s) remain. Concessionaire shall provide Department with any additional clarification and/or information necessary to confirm the accuracy of Concessionaire's Annual Report.
- B. The signed, dated, and certified Annual Report must be submitted in the Department-approved format no later than October 15th following each Term the Agreement is in effect.

15. RECORDS AND AUDIT

- A. Concessionaire shall maintain complete, accurate, and detailed accounting records of all transactions pertaining to the Concession Operation covered by the Agreement that will enable Concessionaire to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Concessionaire shall make such records available to any authorized representative of Department upon request, as often as it is deemed necessary by Department, to determine the effectiveness of the financial management system and internal procedures that have been established by Concessionaire, and to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and that the financial statements and reports present fairly the results of Concessionaire's operations pursuant to the Agreement. Failure to do so shall be a material breach of the Agreement. Said records shall be maintained and made available to Department and the State of New Jersey for a period of seven (7) years after the termination or expiration of the Agreement.
- B. Concessionaire shall utilize a cash register as part of the Concession Operation. Concessionaire may request Department approval to also, or alternatively, utilize a Point of Service (POS) device. If approved in writing by Department, Concessionaire may then utilize a POS device as part of the Concession Operation. Any use of a POS device as part of the Concession Operation without the required prior Department-written approval shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- C. All sales shall be recorded by means of cash registers or Department-approved POS devices that publicly display the amount of each sale and automatically issue a customer receipt or certify the amount recorded on a sales slip. Said cash registers or Department-approved POS devices shall, in all cases, have locked-in sales totals and transactions counters that constantly accumulate and that cannot, in either case, be reset. In addition, such cash registers must have a tape located within the register upon which transaction numbers and sales details are imprinted. Beginning and ending cash register or Department-approved POS device readings shall be recorded on a daily basis. In the event of technical or electrical failure of the cash register or Department-approved POS device, Concessionaire shall record all transactions by hand and issue a sequentially pre-numbered customer receipt in like manner. Failure to have a working cash register, Department-approved POS device, or hand-issued receipt process shall be a material breach of the Agreement subject to immediate Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.

Each cash register or Department-approved POS device must have the following:

- Dual tape/readable tape/or electronic report that records individual sales and total sales
- The ability to generate a receipt (customer must be offered a paper or electronic receipt)
- Customer display
- Continuous grand total

In addition, each cash register must have the following:

- Cumulative “Z” counter
- Current printed date on detail tape

16. DAILY RECEIPTS

- A. Under the Agreement, Concessionaire shall be required to maintain a daily record of all gross receipts derived from the Concession Operation. This record shall be available at all times. Concessionaire shall, upon request by Department, provide a breakdown and accounting of all sales activity for each day. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to maintain daily receipts shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- B. All cash, credit and debit payments received by Concessionaire shall be deposited into a separate account or fund maintained solely for the subject Concession Operation, through which all financial transactions (including, but not limited to, deposits, withdrawals, and purchases) must pass.

17. PRICES

Prices for the sale of food, non-alcoholic beverages, and novelty items shall be submitted to and approved by Department in writing before any proposed price can become effective. Proposed prices to be charged must be submitted in writing to Department and approved, in writing, by Department prior to commencement of any Period of Operation. All prices shall remain in effect unless otherwise modified and re-approved in writing by Department. All changes in pricing will require the submission of a new price list for all items (not just those being changed) and a written justification for each item Concessionaire is requesting Department’s approval to change or modify. Requests to change or modify an approved price list must be made in writing to Department at the address set forth in Paragraph 49 at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the proposed implementation. No price changes are to take effect without the written pre-approval of Department. All prices shall be properly displayed in prominent places at all times. Price signage must be professional in appearance, neat, and made of weather-proof materials.

18. STAFF

- A. Concessionaire shall, at all times during each Term of the Agreement, engage a sufficient number of reliable, competent, and qualified paid and/or volunteer staff to ensure the safety of customers of the Concession Operation and protection of the Concession Premises. If Department determines that Concessionaire has not engaged a sufficient number of reliable, competent and qualified paid and/or volunteer staff to ensure customer safety and to protect the Concession Premises, Concessionaire shall, immediately after receipt of email or written notification from Department, correct the staffing deficiencies described in said notice. Notwithstanding the above, Concessionaire, not the Department, is solely responsible for the staffing of the Concession Operation, and under no circumstances shall Department be liable for any injuries or damage arising from the staffing of the Concession Operation and/or the failure of Department to notify Concessionaire that the staffing of the Concession Operation is inadequate. Concessionaire shall not be entitled to any payment abatement due to any suspension or other action taken by Department under this Paragraph, and Department shall not be liable to Concessionaire, or any party claiming through Concessionaire, for any claim, liability, or damages resulting from said action by Department.

- B. All Concession employees must wear uniform apparel and name tags to identify and distinguish them as Concession employees. The type of uniform apparel and identification shall be pre-approved by the Area Superintendent, prior to the start of any Term of the Agreement. Failure on the part of Concessionaire to comply with the uniform requirement shall be a material breach of the Agreement subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.

19. COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Two (2) Mandatory Compliance and Performance Evaluation Meetings shall be conducted during each Term of the Agreement. Concessionaire shall be responsible for scheduling both Mandatory Compliance and Performance Evaluation Meetings. Additional meetings may be required at the discretion of Department to ensure Concessionaire's effectiveness and compliance. The meetings shall review all aspects of the Concession Operation, ensuring that quality public services are being provided on a continuing basis in accordance with the Bid Specifications and the Agreement, that operational problems/concerns are addressed on a timely basis, and that all terms and conditions are clearly understood. The meetings shall be held on site with Department-designated State Park Service staff representative(s), the on-site concession manager, and a management/supervisory representative of Concessionaire's firm. A report form shall be utilized to document the meeting, and to identify any deficiencies and the corrective action required. A copy of the completed report form shall be provided to the on-site concession manager or the management/supervisory representative of Concessionaire's firm. The Mandatory Compliance and Performance Evaluation Meetings shall be held as follows:

- Meeting #1 - Prior to commencement of the Period of Operation.
- Meeting #2 - Within ten (10) calendar days after the last approved day of the Period of Operation.

20. EQUIPMENT

- A. Concessionaire will have the opportunity to inspect the Concession Premises prior to bidding and is responsible for determining whether the State-owned equipment provided by Department is adequate for its Concession Operation.
- B. Concessionaire shall be solely responsible for maintaining all State-owned equipment installed on the Concession Premises for use by Concessionaire. Department shall not be responsible for the damage, loss, or maintenance of any equipment installed by Concessionaire. Concessionaire shall obtain written approval from Department prior to installation of any of Concessionaire's equipment on the Concession Premises.
- C. The exhaust hood covering the cooking area must be cleaned to a satisfactory level, inspected, and approved by the Area Superintendent prior to the first day of the Period of Operation each Term of the Agreement. If the chute/chimney extending from the hood through the structure to the exterior of the building is determined by a fire inspector to need cleaning, Concessionaire will be solely responsible for obtaining the services of a recognized, professional exhaust hood-cleaning service to clean the hood, and for obtaining fire inspector approval.
- D. The storage of supplies, goods, or equipment is only permitted at the Concession Premises, as designated in Exhibit A. Concessionaire shall not be authorized to store any supplies, goods or equipment related to the operation of the Concession outside any Term of the Agreement. Concessionaire shall remove all supplies, goods, and equipment related to the operation of the Concession from the Area within the designated ten (10) day "take-down" period set forth in Subparagraph 7(A). Department shall not be responsible or liable for any loss or theft of supplies, goods or equipment.
- E. Department shall not be responsible for any damages or loss of equipment, goods, or services resulting from equipment failure. Concessionaire shall obtain insurance coverage pursuant to Paragraph 35 for possible losses including, but not limited to, equipment failure, vandalism or weather event.

21. **REPAIR**

Concessionaire shall, prior to the commencement of the Period of Operation under the Agreement, provide to Department a type-written concession equipment maintenance plan for the State-owned equipment located on the Concession Premises, together with a schedule for preventative maintenance. At the end of each Term, Concessionaire shall submit a report on maintenance completion and equipment condition. Failure to comply with this preventative maintenance plan and schedule shall result in Concessionaire being responsible for all repairs and/or replacement of equipment that the Department determines have resulted from the Concessionaire's failure to comply with the maintenance plan and schedule. The review and Department inspection of the Concession Premises and its equipment will be conducted during routine inspection of the Concession Premises and as a part of the Mandatory Compliance and Performance Evaluation Meetings.

22. **MAINTENANCE OF CONCESSION PREMISES**

- A. Concessionaire shall preserve and maintain the Concession Premises in good and clean condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted. Concessionaire is solely responsible for the maintenance and cleanliness of the Concession Premises.
- B. Upon the expiration of each Term or termination of the Agreement, Concessionaire shall deliver up peaceable possession of the Concession Premises to Department in as good and clean condition as the Concession Premises was made available at the commencement of each Term, reasonable wear and tear excepted. In the event that Concessionaire does not deliver up possession as herein provided, Department may restore the Concession Premises to such condition, and the cost thereof shall be paid by Concessionaire to Department within ten (10) calendar days of Department's written demand for payment.

23. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

Concessionaire expressly acknowledges that the Concession Premises is provided "as is," and any obligation of Department to repair or maintain the Concession Premises is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds and receipt of revenues from which such repair or maintenance can be funded. Department shall have no obligation for such repair or maintenance unless and until such funds are appropriated each fiscal year to Department by the State Legislature and made available through receipt of revenues.

24. **INSPECTION**

Concessionaire shall make the Concession Premises available for inspection at any time by any authorized representative of Department to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

25. **GARBAGE DISPOSAL, RECYCLING, AND BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS**

- A. Concessionaire shall be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the Concession Premises. Concessionaire shall ensure placement of all garbage and trash generated by the Concession Operation in designated containers and that said containers are emptied daily, or as more frequently required by Department, at a location within the Area designated by Department. Disposal costs from this latter location shall be borne by Department. Concessionaire shall provide such additional trash containers as may be required to keep the immediate Concession Premises clean at all times. The type of trash containers provided by Concessionaire shall be approved by Department prior to use.
- B. Concessionaire shall comply with any and all county and local recycling requirements.
- C. Any wrappings, containers, bowls, plates, cartons, or cups that are not intended for reuse must be composed of biodegradable material. Biodegradable material is defined as follows: MATERIAL CAPABLE OF BEING BROKEN DOWN FROM A COMPLEX MOLECULAR STRUCTURE INTO SIMPLER GASSES AND ORGANIC COMPOUNDS BY LIVING MICROORGANISMS.

- D. No glass containers of any kind shall be used to dispense any food and/or beverages.

26. UTILITIES

- A. Concessionaire shall be responsible for the payment of any and all utility charges related to the Concession Operation for each Term of the Agreement. Monthly utility payments shall be made by Concessionaire to Department as additional compensation in addition to the Concession Payment under Paragraph 5. Such utility payments shall be made by separate check, made payable to “**Treasurer – State of New Jersey**” in accordance with the Concession Payment Schedule set forth in Exhibit B. Monthly utility payment amounts for the Initial Term will be determined by Department based on considerations including, but not limited to, historical usage by previous concession operations at the Area (if the Concession Operation is separately metered) or by similar concession operations at other Areas (if the Concession Operation is not separately metered). Monthly utility payment amounts for subsequent Renewal Terms, if any, shall be determined by Department based on considerations including, but not limited to, historical usage by the Concession Operation during previous Terms (if the Concession Operation is separately metered) and/or historical usage by similar concession operations at the Area or at other Areas (if the Concession Operation is not separately metered). Concessionaire’s failure to provide such payments shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- B. Concessionaire shall be required to pay additional utility payment(s) in accordance with Subparagraph 7(A) if Concessionaire elects to operate during the Optional Period of Operation.

27. TAXES

- A. All taxes and property tax assessments, if any, arising out of the operation of the Concession and the use and occupancy of the Concession Premises shall be the sole responsibility of Concessionaire and shall be promptly paid by Concessionaire when due, regardless of whether such tax or assessment is assessed within or outside a Term of the Agreement. Concessionaire shall provide to Department copies of all tax or assessment notices received from any government agency, municipality or county. Payment shall remain a continuing obligation of Concessionaire after any Term of the Agreement and/or the expiration or termination of the Agreement, and Department is authorized to make a demand for payment and take any and all steps to ensure payment. Concessionaire shall furnish to Department, within ten (10) calendar days of demand therefor, proof of the payment of any such tax or assessment. Concessionaire’s failure to timely pay any tax or assessment or otherwise comply with this Subparagraph shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- B. Concessionaire and its subcontractor, if any, and each of their affiliates shall, for any and all Term(s) of the Agreement, collect and remit to the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury the use tax due pursuant to the “Sales and Use Tax Act,” P.L.1966, c. 30 (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et. seq.) on all of their sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Revenue at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/revencode.shtml>.

28. ADVERTISEMENT AND PROMOTION

- A. Concessionaire shall not advertise in any manner or form on or about the Concession Premises or any other part of the Area, except by means of such signs or forms of advertising as first shall be approved, in writing, by Department.
- B. Concessionaire shall, in all promotion and advertisement of the Concession and/or any scheduled event(s) at or pertaining to the Concession Operation, include that the Area is administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites, State Park Service.

- C. Prior to the implementation of any and all promotion and advertisement of the Concession and/or any scheduled event(s) at or pertaining to the Concession Operation, Concessionaire shall submit, and obtain Department's written approval of, all such promotion(s) and advertisement(s).

29. CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

Concessionaire shall not affix, alter, or erect any permanent or temporary equipment, structures, buildings, or additions to the Concession Premises without first obtaining the prior written approval of Department.

30. REPORT OF INJURY

Any injury that shall occur to Concessionaire, its officers, servants, agents, employees, contractors, or invitees requiring medical intervention of which Concessionaire is notified, shall be reported to Department immediately by calling 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337) and also reported in writing to the addresses set forth in Paragraph 49 within one (1) calendar day of the incident.

31. NEW JERSEY CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW

The New Jersey Conflict of Interest Law, N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq. and Executive Order 189 (1988), prohibit certain actions by persons or entities which provide goods or services to any State Agency. Specifically:

- A. No Concessionaire shall pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13b. and e., in the Department of the Treasury or any other agency with which such Concessionaire transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13i., of any such officer or employee, or any partnership, firm, or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such officer has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g.
- B. The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity or other thing of value by any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from any Concessionaire shall be reported, in writing forthwith by Concessionaire to the Attorney General and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.
- C. No Concessionaire may, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such Concessionaire to, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to any State agency or any instrumentality thereof, or with any person, firm or entity with which he is employed or associated or in which he has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g. Any relationships subject to this provision shall be reported in writing forthwith to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the State officer or employee or special State officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actuality or appearance of a conflict of interest.
- D. No Concessionaire shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee in his official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.
- E. No Concessionaire shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for Concessionaire or any other person.

- F. The provisions cited above in Subparagraphs 31(A) through 31(E) shall not be construed to prohibit a State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with Concessionaire under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public subject to any guidelines the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards may promulgate.

32. SOLICITATION

Concessionaire warrants that no person has been employed directly or indirectly to solicit or secure the Agreement in violation of the provision of Section 10, Chapter 48 of the Laws of 1954, N.J.S.A. 52:34-15, and that the Laws of the State of New Jersey relating to the procurement or performance of the Agreement have not been violated and shall not be violated by any conduct of Concessionaire, including the paying or giving directly or indirectly of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or consideration of any kind to any State employee, officer, or official.

33. INDEPENDENT PRINCIPAL

Concessionaire's status shall be that of an independent principal and not as an agent or employee of Department.

34. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. Concessionaire shall, for itself, its successors, and assigns, assume all risk and liabilities arising out of the management, maintenance, and operation of the Concession and covenants to defend, protect, indemnify, and save harmless Department and each and every of its officers, agents, servants, employees, successors, and assignees and hereby releases Department and each and every of its officers, agents, servants, employees, successors, and assignees from and against any and all such liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses (including all attorneys' fees and expenses), causes of action, suits, claims, demands, or judgments of any nature arising from the following:
- (i) any injury to, or the death of, any person caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of Concessionaire, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by [it], *regardless of whether it is caused in part by the Department*, or its officers, agents, servants, employees, successors, and assignees;
 - (ii) any injury to, or the death of, any person in, on, or about, or any damage to property which occurs in, on, or about the Concession Premises or upon any sidewalk, walkway, or patio within the Concession Premises or in any manner growing out of or connected with the use, non-use, condition, or occupancy of the Concession Premises, or the construction or repair of any improvements of the Concession Premises;
 - (iii) any act, error, or omission of Concessionaire, its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, invitees, and anyone claiming by or through Concessionaire in the performance of the Agreement;
 - (iv) violation of any term or condition of the Agreement by Concessionaire, its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, invitees, and anyone claiming by or through Concessionaire in the performance of the Agreement; and
 - (v) violation by Concessionaire, its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, invitees, and anyone claiming by or through Concessionaire in the performance of the Agreement of any contracts and agreements of record concerning the Concession Premises and restrictions of record or any law, ordinance, or regulation affecting the Concession Premises or any part thereof or the ownership, occupancy, or use thereof.

- B. Department shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to Concessionaire, along with full and complete particulars of the claim. If suit is brought against Department or any of its officers, agents, servants, and/or employees, Department shall expeditiously forward or have forwarded to Concessionaire every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other document received by or then in the possession of Department or its representatives.
- C. It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by Department of Concessionaire's operation of the Concession Premises shall not operate to limit the obligations of Concessionaire assumed pursuant to the Agreement.
- D. Concessionaire's liability pursuant to this Paragraph shall continue after the termination or expiration of the Agreement with respect to any liability, loss, cost, expense (including all attorneys' fees and expenses), damage, cause of action, suit, claim, demand, or judgment resulting from actions or inactions occurring prior to such termination or expiration.
- E. Concessionaire's indemnification obligations are not limited by, but are in addition to, the insurance obligations contained in the Agreement.

35. **INSURANCE**

- A. Concessionaire shall, at its sole cost and expense, obtain and maintain at all times during each Term of the Agreement, insurance of the types and in the amounts hereinafter provided:
 - (i) Commercial General Liability Insurance as broad as that provided by the standard basic, unamended, and unendorsed occurrence coverage forms currently in use in the State of New Jersey, which shall not be circumscribed by any endorsement limiting the breadth of coverage. Limits of liability shall be maintained at the level of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and a Two Million (\$2,000,000) Dollars annual aggregate. This can be accomplished with a combination of Commercial General Liability and Commercial Umbrella policies; and
 - (ii) Property insurance to cover loss or damage on a "Special Causes of Loss" form of coverage against fire, water, wind, storm, loss, theft, and damage on any structures on the Concession Premises and all fixtures, equipment, and other property attached thereto and/or physically incorporated therein and the contents owned by Concessionaire and located in or on the Concession Premises. Said insurance shall be in an amount not less than the full value of such structures, fixtures, equipment, property, and contents. The value of said structures, fixtures, equipment, property, and contents shall be determined by Concessionaire using whatever procedures Concessionaire considers appropriate. Said policy shall be written so as to provide that the insurer waives all right of subrogation against Department in connection with any loss or damage covered by the policy; and
 - (iii) Worker's Compensation Insurance applicable to the Laws of the State of New Jersey and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of not less than One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars Bodily Injury By Accident (Each Accident) and One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars Bodily Injury By Disease (Each Employee) with an aggregate limit of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars Bodily Injury By Disease (Policy Limit); and
 - (iv) Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance, which shall be written to cover any automobile or trailer used by Concessionaire. Limits of liability to cover bodily injury and property damage shall not be less than One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars per person or per accident. Coverage must include hired and non-owned vehicles. A MCS-90 certificate shall be filed with the State of New Jersey if hazardous materials or waste will be transported during operation of the Concession; and
 - (v) Such other insurance and in such amounts as may from time to time be

reasonably required by Department.

- B. All insurance coverage required to be maintained by Concessionaire in accordance with the Agreement shall be issued by an insurance company with an A- VIII or better rating by A.M. Best & Company authorized and approved to do business in New Jersey. All policies except for Worker's Compensation shall name the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as an additional insured and include the blanket additional insured endorsement or its equivalent. The certificate(s) of insurance shall identify the Concession Number assigned to the Agreement and the location(s) of the Concession Premises in the Description of Operations box and shall list the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection; Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration; Public Land Administration Section; PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-07; Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420 in the Certificate Holder box.
- C. When Concessionaire returns the Agreement or any subsequent Renewal Agreement, signed by Concessionaire, to Department for signature, Concessionaire shall provide Department with all current and valid certificate(s) of insurance evidencing that Concessionaire has obtained all insurance coverage in accordance with the Agreement. Failure to provide a certificate(s) of insurance at the time of Concessionaire's return of the Agreement or any subsequent Renewal Agreement shall result in the non-execution of the Agreement or subsequent Renewal Agreement by Department, as applicable. Concessionaire also shall provide Department with a valid certificate(s) of renewal of the insurance within thirty (30) calendar days of the expiration of the policies so that Department is continuously in possession of current documentation that Concessionaire has obtained and is maintaining, in full force and effect, all insurance required under the Agreement. Concessionaire also shall, upon request, provide Department with copies of each policy required under the Agreement, certified by the agency or underwriter to be true copies of the policies provided by Concessionaire.
- D. Concessionaire expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by the Agreement shall in no way limit Concessionaire's indemnification obligations assumed in the Agreement and shall not be construed to relieve Concessionaire from liability in excess of such insurance coverage, nor shall it preclude Department from taking such other actions as are available to it under any provision of the Agreement and as otherwise provided for at law or in equity.
- E. In the event that: (i) Concessionaire fails or refuses to renew any of its insurance policies or to provide Department with timely certificate(s) of insurance showing that Concessionaire is maintaining insurance coverage in full force and effect to the extent required by the Agreement, or (ii) any policy is canceled, terminated, or modified so that the insurance does not meet the requirements of the Agreement, Department shall consider Concessionaire to be in material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- F. The limits of insurance policies described in this Paragraph shall be reviewed by Department and Concessionaire from time to time. Concessionaire shall increase the limits of said policies to meet changed circumstances including, but not limited to, changes in the relevant U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index and changes indicated by the course of plaintiffs' verdicts in personal injury actions.

36. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND INSURANCE POLICIES

- A. For each Term of the Agreement, Concessionaire shall obtain, pay for, maintain, and comply with all licenses, permits, certifications, authorizations, approvals, or any other documents required by all applicable government agencies having jurisdiction over the Concession Premises or the conduct of Concessionaire's operations thereon. Concessionaire shall provide Department with written evidence that such applicable licenses, permits, authorizations, or other required documents have been obtained prior to commencement of the activity or operation covered by the license, permit, authorization, or other documentation. No operation shall begin until Concessionaire has provided such written evidence to Department.

- B. Concessionaire shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all duly promulgated and applicable federal and State statutes, laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, and orders affecting the conduct of the Concession Operation described in the Agreement; specifically, but not limited to, **an Act concerning smoking at public beaches and parks and amending and supplementing PL 2005 c. 383 (P.L. 2018 c. 64)**; and N.J.A.C. 8:24, Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines, of which an unofficial courtesy copy is attached as Exhibit C, and P.L. 2020, c. 117, Ban on Single-Use Carryout Bags, Ban on Polystyrene Foam Food Service Products, and Plastic Straws By-Request-Only, of which an unofficial courtesy copy is attached as Exhibit D; and all rules and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Health now or hereafter in effect, as well as those rules and regulations of any other agency with jurisdiction over the preparation and sale of food and beverages.
- C. Concessionaire shall comply with the requirements of all insurance policies required by the Agreement.
- D. If Concessionaire:
- (i) receives a notice of failure to comply with the insurance required by the Agreement;
 - (ii) is issued a summons or any notice of violation of any license, permit, certification, authorization, approval, or any similar instruments required by any governmental authority having jurisdiction necessary to maintain and operate the Concession in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement; or
 - (iii) is issued a summons for violation of any duly promulgated and applicable federal, State, county, municipal, and other governmental statutes, laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, or orders affecting the Concession Operation or any part thereof,

Concessionaire shall immediately forward a copy of the notice of non-compliance, summons, or notice of violation to Department, and Concessionaire shall have such amount of time to correct said violation as is prescribed in the notice or summons. If such violation is not cured within the prescribed period or any extension thereof, it shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement, and Department may suspend Concessionaire's operation of all or the affected portion of the Concession Premises in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 10, and/or terminate the Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 11.

- E. Concessionaire shall indemnify Department against all liabilities, claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses (including all attorneys' fees and expenses), causes of action, suits, demands, judgments, or payments of any kind arising from Concessionaire's failure or omission to comply with any such insurance policy, license, permit, certification, authorization, approval, or any applicable federal or State statute, law, rule, ordinance, regulation, or order.

37. **SERVICE PERFORMANCE WITHIN U.S.**

Concessionaire agrees, in accordance with Executive Order 129 (2004) and N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2 (P.L. 2005, c. 92), that all services performed under the Agreement or any subcontract awarded under the Agreement shall be performed within the United States. In the event that any services performed under the Agreement or any subcontract awarded under the Agreement will not be performed within the United States, Concessionaire shall send Department a letter that states with specificity the reasons why the services cannot be so performed. Any such letter shall require review and approval pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-14.2 prior to execution of the Agreement or the delivery of the services which will not be performed within the United States. Unless previously approved by Department, a shift to performance of services outside the United States during any Term of the Agreement shall be deemed a material breach, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.

38. PUBLIC USE

Concessionaire's operation and the Agreement shall not be construed so as to affect the privileges accorded to the public's use of the Area, or to restrain or prevent individual persons or groups of persons from bringing their own food and beverages into the Area.

39. NO DISCRIMINATION

- A. Concessionaire shall comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.
- B. Concessionaire shall not discriminate, and shall abide by all anti-discrimination laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-4; the discrimination and affirmative action provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4; the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.; and all rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.
- C. Specifically, Concessionaire shall not unlawfully discriminate: 1) against any person, employee, or applicant for employment, or 2) in allowing access to and use of the Concession Premises.

40. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5, Concessionaire agrees that:
 - (i) Concessionaire or its subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Concessionaire will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that all employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Concessionaire agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the public agency compliance officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause;
 - (ii) Concessionaire or its subcontractor, where applicable, shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Concessionaire, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex;
 - (iii) Concessionaire or its subcontractor, where applicable, shall send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of Concessionaire's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; and
 - (iv) Concessionaire or its subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with all regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time, and codified at N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.
- B. Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.7, Concessionaire agrees that:

- (i) Concessionaire and its subcontractor, if any, agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.
- (ii) Concessionaire and its subcontractor, if any, agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.
- (iii) Concessionaire and its subcontractor, if any, agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.
- (iv) In conforming with the targeted employment goals, Concessionaire and its subcontractor, if any, agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

41. PAYMENT ABATEMENT

Concessionaire acknowledges that the Area is subject to unscheduled closures for reasons including, but not limited to, health concerns, public welfare, public safety, harmful algal blooms (HABs), staffing shortages, and government closures. Concessionaire further acknowledges that payment abatements will not be given if Concessionaire is unable to operate the Concession Premises for any reason, or if Concessionaire closes the Concession with Area Superintendent approval pursuant to Paragraph 7(C).

42. FINAL DECISION

Concessionaire covenants that the decision of the Commissioner of Department, relative to the bidding process and/or award of the Agreement, as well as the performance of the terms and conditions of the Agreement, shall be final and conclusive.

43. CORPORATION

- A. For any Concessionaire that presents itself or represents itself as a corporation operating or doing business in the State of New Jersey, all papers of incorporation, including authorized agents for receipt of legal documents, shall be provided to Department, along with renewals, changes, or any other documents that in any way affect the current or future status of Concessionaire as a legal corporation.
- B. Concessionaire shall adopt the required corporate or partnership resolution, as applicable, authorizing the execution of the Agreement by Concessionaire. Concessionaire shall submit a copy of said resolution to Department prior to execution of the Agreement by Department.
- C. Prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement, Concessionaire shall provide the Department with a completed Ownership Disclosure Form pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.

44. SUBCONTRACTING

- A. Concessionaire may not subcontract without the prior written consent of Department. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve Concessionaire of any of its responsibilities under the Agreement, nor shall it create privity of contract between Department and any subcontractor. If Concessionaire uses a subcontractor to fulfill any of its obligations, Concessionaire shall be responsible for the subcontractor's performance, compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and compliance with the requirements of all applicable laws. Any subcontracting without the prior written consent of Department shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.
- B. If subcontracting is approved pursuant to Subparagraph 44(A), Concessionaire shall provide, on a monthly and cumulative basis, a breakdown in accordance with the budget submitted, of all monies paid to any small business, minority or woman-owned subcontractor(s). This breakdown shall be sent to the Chief of Operations, Division of Revenue, P.O. Box 628, Trenton, NJ 08646.

45. NO CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBCONTRACTORS AND DEPARTMENT

Nothing contained in any Agreement documents, including the Bid Specifications and Concessionaire's bid or proposal for the Agreement, shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and Department.

46. ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT OR SALE OF INTERESTS

Concessionaire shall not assign the Agreement or sell controlling interest in the Concession without prior written approval from Department. Any attempt to assign or sell controlling interest without prior written approval from Department shall be a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.

47. PAY TO PLAY RESTRICTIONS AND CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE

- A. In order to safeguard the integrity of State government procurement by imposing restrictions to insulate the negotiation and award of State contracts from political contributions that pose the risk of improper influence, purchase of access, or the appearance thereof, the Legislature has enacted P.L. 2005, c. 51 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 to -20.25) (Chapter 51) on March 22, 2005, effective retroactive to October 15, 2004, superseding the terms of Executive Order 134 (2004). In addition, on September 24, 2008, Executive Order 117 was issued and made effective on November 15, 2008 (EO 117) which set forth additional limitations on the ability of executive branch agencies to contract with business entities that have made or solicited certain contributions.

Chapter 51 and EO 117 restrict business entities which agree to certain contracts or agreements with the State from making or soliciting certain contributions. Compliance with Chapter 51 and EO 117 is a material term and condition of the Bid Specifications and Agreement, and binding upon the parties thereto upon the entry of all applicable contracts.

Thus, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 51 and EO 117, it shall be a material breach of the terms of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11, for Concessionaire to do any of the following during any Term of the Agreement:

- (i) make or solicit a contribution in violation of Chapter 51 or EO 117;
- (ii) knowingly conceal or misrepresent a contribution given or received;
- (iii) make or solicit contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution;

- (iv) make or solicit any contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be contributed to a campaign committee or any candidate or holder of the public office of Governor, or of Lieutenant Governor, or to any State, county, or municipal party committee, or any legislative leadership committee;
- (v) engage or employ a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any contribution, which if made or solicited by Concessionaire itself, would subject Concessionaire to the restrictions of Chapter 51 or EO 117;
- (vi) fund contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees;
- (vii) engage in any exchange or contributions to circumvent the intent of Chapter 51 or EO 117; or
- (viii) directly or indirectly, through or by any other person or means, do any act which would subject Concessionaire to the restrictions of Chapter 51 or EO 117. It is Concessionaire's continuing obligation to report any contributions it makes during any and all Term(s) of the Agreement.

B. Concessionaire shall submit the Two-Year Chapter 51/Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions Form, certifying that no contributions prohibited by Chapter 51 have been solicited or made by Concessionaire and reporting all contributions Concessionaire made during the preceding four years to any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C. § 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that also meets the definition of a "continuing political committee" within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n) and N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7. The required Certification and Disclosure Form can be found in the Prequalification Application, which Concessionaire is required to complete, and submit, with any bid. The Prequalification Application is available at: <https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/public-notice/#PLA-concessions>. If Concessionaire has a currently valid Two-Year Certification and Disclosure Form, it may be submitted instead of a new form.

The State Treasurer or his designee shall review the Disclosures submitted by Concessionaire pursuant to this Subparagraph, as well as any other pertinent information concerning the contributions or reports thereof by Concessionaire prior to award or during the term of the Agreement. If the State Treasurer determines that any contribution or action by Concessionaire violated Chapter 51 and EO 117, the State Treasurer shall disqualify Concessionaire from award of the Agreement. If the State Treasurer or his designee determines that any contribution or action constitutes a breach of the Agreement that poses a conflict of interest pursuant to Chapter 51 or EO 117, the State Treasurer shall disqualify Concessionaire from award of the Agreement.

C. Concessionaire shall submit the Chapter 271 Vendor Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form, disclosing its political contributions within the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period. The required Certification and Disclosure Form can be found in the Prequalification Application, which Concessionaire is required to complete, and submit, with any bid. The Prequalification Application is available at: <https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/public-notice/#PLA-concessions>.

No prospective Concessionaire will be precluded from being retained by virtue of the information provided in the Chapter 271 Vendor Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form, provided the form is fully and accurately completed.

D. Concessionaire is required, on a continuing basis, to report any contributions and solicitations Concessionaire makes during any Term of the Agreement at the time any such contribution or solicitation is made. Failure to do so is a breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Termination in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.

- E. Concessionaire shall file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27 (P.L. 2005, c. 271, section 2) if Concessionaire receives contracts in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars from public entities in a calendar year. It is Concessionaire's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Failure to so file can result in the imposition of financial penalties by ELEC. Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us.

48. NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION

Concessionaire must submit with any bid a copy of a valid New Jersey Business Registration for itself and its subcontractor, if any. If Concessionaire or its subcontractor, if any, is not already registered with the New Jersey Division of Revenue, registration can be completed online at the Division of Revenue Website: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml>. Concessionaire must maintain a valid New Jersey business registration during each Term of the Agreement. Failure to maintain a valid New Jersey business registration during each Term of the Agreement is a material breach of the Agreement, subject to Suspension of Operations and/or Revocation in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 10 and 11.

49. SUBMISSIONS, APPROVALS, AND NOTICES

Department and Concessionaire agree that all submissions, approvals, and notices which may be required under the Agreement shall be sent by email. Additional copies of submissions, approvals, and notices may also be sent by regular and/or certified mail return receipt requested and addressed as follows:

To Department: Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration
Public Land Administration Section
PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-07
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420
Email: PublicLandAdministration@dep.nj.gov

Copy to Area Superintendent: Bass River State Forest
762 Stage Road
Tuckerton, New Jersey 08087
Email: Dave.Robbins@dep.nj.gov

To Concessionaire: **Name**
Title and/or Entity Designation
Street Address
Town, NJ Zip Code
Email:

Either Department or Concessionaire may, at any time, change such address(es) by emailing or mailing, to the address(es) of the other, above, a notice of the change at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the effective date of such change.

50. RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE

Department and Concessionaire agree that any written notice submitted pursuant to the Agreement is considered received five (5) calendar days after mailing.

51. PREFERENCE FOR WOOD, PAPER PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM SUSTAINABLY-MANAGED FORESTS OR PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-45, any bid that calls for the use of wood or paper products derived from sustainably managed forests or procurement systems shall receive preference, whenever possible, where relevant. Accordingly, Department shall give such preference when entering into or renewing the Agreement, whenever possible, where relevant.

52. PREVAILING WAGE ACT

Without limiting the scope of any other provision of the Agreement, Concessionaire agrees to comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, P.L. 1963, Chapter 150 as codified in N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, et seq. Concessionaire also agrees to comply with 42 U.S.C. § 9604 (g)(1). If any conflict exists between the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Law and § 9604 (g)(1), the Concessionaire must comply with the federal requirements.

53. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

At no time during the Agreement shall Concessionaire store, within the Area, hazardous substances as that term may be defined by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (see N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11(b)) or by the federal Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to section 311 of the “Federal Water Pollution Act, amendments of 1972” (33 U.S.C. 1321; see also 40 C.F.R. 302.3) and the list of toxic pollutants designated by Congress or the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to section 307 of that Act (33 U.S.C. 1317; see also 40 C.F.R. 401.15).

54. BANKRUPTCY

In the event Concessionaire enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, Concessionaire agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to Department with a copy to the Attorney General’s Office. This notification shall be furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and the name(s), addresses, and telephone numbers of the attorney or firm handling the bankruptcy. The obligation to report entering into any such proceedings remains in effect until final payment is made under the Agreement. The Department shall have the right to revoke the Agreement immediately upon receipt of a notice of bankruptcy by providing written notice to Concessionaire.

55. NOT A LEASE

It is expressly understood and agreed by both Department and Concessionaire that no building, land or equipment included within the description of the Concession Premises or any other property comprising part of the Area is hereby leased to Concessionaire. Department's control, management and direction over the Concession Premises or any other property comprising part of the Area are not hereby assigned in any way to Concessionaire.

56. PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATION

Concessionaire shall submit a completed Prequalification Application along with any bid. The Prequalification Application is available at: <https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/public-notices/#PLA-concessions>.

57. CONCESSION BID EVALUATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Department shall review and evaluate all bids in accordance with the procedures and upon the criteria outlined in the Concession Bid Evaluation & Selection Process, available at: <https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/public-notices/#PLA-concessions>.

58. BEST AND FINAL OFFER (BAFO)

Department reserves the right to invite submission of a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) from one bidder or multiple bidders in accordance with the procedures as outlined in the Concession Bid Evaluation & Selection Process.

59. REJECTION OF PROPOSAL

Department reserves the right to reject, in its sole discretion, any or all bids at any point in the Concession Bid Evaluation & Selection Process.

60. **CONTRACT AMOUNT**

Compensation amount(s), when stated in these Bid Specifications, shall not be construed as either the maximum or minimum amount which Department shall be obligated to accept as the result of these Bid Specifications or any Agreement entered into as a result of these Bid Specifications.

61. **DEFAULT OR REFUSAL TO ENTER CONTRACT**

In the event of default of the successful bidder or his/her refusal to enter into a contract with Department, Department reserves the right to accept any other qualified bidder.

62. **LIST OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibit A: Concession Premises
 Exhibit B: Concession Payment Schedule
 Exhibit C: N.J.A.C. 8:24, Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines
 Exhibit D: P.L. 2020, c. 117, Ban on Single-Use Carryout Bags, Ban on Polystyrene Foam Food Service Products, and Plastic Straws By-Request-Only

63. **QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES**

The Department will accept questions and inquiries regarding these Bid Specifications from all potential bidders. Questions may be directed only to the Department and must be submitted by email to: PublicLandAdministration@dep.nj.gov.

The cut-off date for the submission of questions shall be **May 10, 2024**. It is requested that bidders with long, complex, or multiple-part questions submit them as far in advance as possible. Questions must be directly tied to the Bid Specifications. Questions should follow the organization of the Bid Specifications and be asked in consecutive order, from beginning to end. Each question should begin by referencing the page number and the paragraph number of the Bid Specifications to which it relates.

Brief *procedural* inquiries may be accepted over the telephone by the Public Land Administration Section. The Public Land Administration Section will not answer any inquiries that require interpretation of the Bid Specifications. However, oral explanations or instructions given over the phone shall not be binding upon the State. **Bidders shall not contact State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites or any other branch of the Department directly, in person or by telephone, concerning these Bid Specifications.**

All responses to written questions will be posted at <https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/public-notice/#PLA-concessions> by **May 15, 2024**.

64. **PROPOSAL DELIVERY AND IDENTIFICATION**

In order to be considered, a proposal responding to these Bid Specifications must arrive at the Public Land Administration Section no later than **noon on May 22, 2024**. Proposals may be submitted by mail, by hand delivery, or by email. All bidders submitting proposals by mail or hand delivery are advised to allow adequate delivery time to ensure punctual delivery of proposals by the date and time set forth herein. Late proposals shall be ineligible for consideration.

If submitted by mail or hand carry, the exterior of the Bid Proposal package envelope must be labeled with the name of the State Park/Forest/Area and Concession Opportunity (e.g. *Bass River State Forest – Food/Novelty Concession*), the Bid Proposal package Due Date, and the name of the individual or corporation submitting the proposal.

If submitted by email, the subject line of the email(s) must contain “Concession Bid” and the LE Number associated with the Concession Opportunity (e.g. *Concession Bid for LE24-062*), and the body of the email(s) must identify the name of the State

Park/Forest/Area and Concession Opportunity (e.g. *Bass River State Forest – Food/Novelty Concession*), the Bid Proposal package Due Date, and the name of the individual or corporation submitting the proposal. If the proposal is submitted in multiple emails, the body of the email(s) must also specify the total number of emails being submitted. All bidders submitting proposals by email are advised that the maximum email size Department is capable of receiving is twenty-five (25) megabytes (MB). Proposals exceeding twenty-five (25) MB must be submitted in multiple emails, each less than twenty-five (25) MB, and each containing the information outlined in this paragraph. Bidders submitting proposals by email will receive an automatic reply confirming receipt of the email. If the proposal is submitted in multiple emails, only one automatic reply will be generated. Department will make its best effort to confirm receipt of all bid submission emails. If an automatic reply is not received after submitting a proposal by email, or if Department has not confirmed receipt of a proposal submitted in multiple emails, please contact the Public Land Administration Section at PublicLandAdministration@dep.nj.gov or (609) 940-4400 prior to the Bid Proposal Due Date.

Department will not open proposals submitted by any delivery method until the Bid Proposal Due Date has closed. The proposal shall be submitted to the following mail or email address according to delivery method:

By Mail or Hand Carry: Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration
Public Land Administration Section
PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-07
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420

By Email: PublicLandAdministration@dep.nj.gov