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Interpretive Style Grocery & General Store Operation Columbia State Historic Park

RFP Release and Pre-Proposal Meeting Announcement

SACRAMENTO – On Friday, California State Parks will begin accepting proposals for a five-year contract to operate and maintain an interpretive style grocery and general store, representative of the 1855-1870 interpretive period at Columbia State Historic Park (SHP). It will cater to a wide range of park visitors, including family groups, school groups and the local community.

Highlights of the proposed contract include specialization in the sale of food, beverages, miscellaneous convenience items, and merchandise. The activities, goods and services provided will enhance the visitor's experience and understanding of Columbia during the California Gold Rush.

The deadline for submitting proposals is December 10, 2008 at 3 p.m.

There will be an optional pre-proposal meeting on Tuesday, October 28, at 7 p.m. at Columbia SHP in the Eagle Cotage at 11195 Washington Street, Columbia, California. The meeting will include a review of the RFP process and materials, as well as a tour of the facilities. Potential proposers may contact Cathryn Milner, District Concession Specialist, at (209) 536-2917 regarding meeting attendance.

The existing contract at Columbia SHP has been on a month-to-month status since June 2000. The current concession operator reported over \$358,800 in gross sales during fiscal year 2007/2008. The new RFP is in compliance with state law that requires a competitive bid process open to all parties for concession operations.

Interested parties are encouraged to download a complimentary copy of the RFP at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/concessions>. Hard copies of the RFP may be purchased for \$25 by contacting Cathryn Milner at (209) 536-2917 or cmiln@parks.ca.gov.

For further information, contact Cathryn Milner, District Concession Specialist at (209) 536-2917 or Teresa Montijo, Concessions Program Manager at (916) 653-7733.

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