

Notice of Intent to Enter Agreement with Sonesta International Hotels Corporation

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (hereinafter, “DCR”), 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114, hereby announces its intention to enter into a proposed agreement with Sonesta International Hotels Corporation (hereinafter “Sonesta”), 255 Washington Street, Suite 230, Newton, MA 02458, to facilitate the modification and improvement of a docking and mooring facility (the “Project”) on the Charles River, along Edwin H. Land Boulevard near the Lechmere Canal Bridge and adjacent to the Royal Sonesta Hotel ([see attached for exact location](#)) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Lechmere Canal, Edwin H. Land Boulevard, Cambridge Parkway and the surrounding grounds are in the care, custody and control of the DCR.

Sonesta proposes to make modifications and improvements to the area, which will result in the creation of a new docking facility. To facilitate the design, construction, and operation of the Project, Sonesta proposes to fully fund the creation of the new docking facility without cost to the Commonwealth.

DCR shall enter into a revocable Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with Sonesta. The general terms and conditions of such MOA, including the rights and privileges of the parties, are listed below and shall be set forth in a separate written agreement to be executed by Sonesta and DCR.

- The Term of the MOA shall be five years, with an option, at DCR’s sole discretion, to renew for an additional five years, or, alternatively, shall be ten years. With either option, the MOA is revocable by DCR at any time;
- The MOA shall authorize Sonesta to access, occupy and use the newly created docking and mooring facility at the Lechmere Canal site while maintaining public access and use except during predetermined and agreed upon times and dates;
- Renovation may commence once Sonesta receives a Construction and Access Permit from DCR;
- A budget for the Project shall be developed by Sonesta, in consultation with DCR, based on a DCR-approved plan for facility improvements, renovations and landscaping within the agreed upon footprint (i.e., the dock and associated grounds to be delineated in the MOA);
- The sum of the capital investments made by Sonesta in the Project shall be credited towards the MOA fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) per year to be paid by Sonesta;
- Sonesta will contribute in-kind or capital outlays over the course of two fiscal years for improvements to an additional public dock located on Cambridge Parkway commonly known as Poorman’s Landing in consultation with DCR and dock users.

The DCR publishes this notice to provide a public opportunity for comment and counter proposals. If any firm, corporation or entity wishes to submit a counter proposal, please submit a written detailed description of such proposal by 5:00pm on Friday, March 2, 2018, to:

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DCR will evaluate any submissions and, if warranted, subsequently give notice of a Request for Proposals.