## NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000 (NHLPA)

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)**

February 1, 2019

## **Sombrero Key Light Station**

Located approximately seven miles offshore of Marathon, FL

The Sombrero Light Station described on the attached fact sheet has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard (USCG), Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 (NHLPA) 54 U.S.C. §§ 305101 *et seq*, this historic property is being made available at no cost to eligible entities defined as federal agencies, state and local agencies, non-profit corporations, educational agencies, or community development organizations for educational, park, recreational, cultural or historic preservation purposes.

Any eligible entity with an interest in acquiring the described property for a use consistent with the purposes stated above should submit a letter of interest to the addresses below within 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice which is no later than **April 2, 2019.** 

Letters of interest should include:

- Name of property
- Name of eligible entity
- Point of contact, title, address, phone and email
- Non-profit agencies must provide a copy of their state-certified articles of incorporation to GSA before the end of the 60-day Notice period.

Eligible entities that submit a written letter of interest will be sent an application from the United States Department of the Interior (DOI), National Park Service (NPS) and given an opportunity to inspect the property. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the inspection. The completed application must be submitted to the NPS within 90 days from the date of the Federal government's scheduled site inspection. The NPS will review the applications and may recommend a steward to receive the property. The General Services Administration (GSA) will complete the conveyance to the selected steward with a Quitclaim Deed.

Pursuant to Section 309 of the NHLPA, the property will be sold if it is not transferred to a public body or non-profit organization.

## National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA) Notice of Availability Fact Sheet February 1, 2019

GSA Control Number	4-X-FL-1214-AA
Property Identification	Sombrero Key Light Station
Location	Latitude: 24.627711 Longitude: -81.110787
Description  Condition of Property	142+/- ft cast iron octagonal screw-pile tower with Keeper's quarters located approximately seven (7) miles offshore of Marathon, FL.  Only the structure will be conveyed as the light station is located on submerged lands within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) that are controlled by the federal government.  The Grantee will be responsible for obtaining any permits that may be required in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq.), the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act (FKNMSPA, Public Law 101-605), the FKNMS regulations (15 C.F.R. Subpart P), and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403).
Condition of Froperty	The Property is offered "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.
Range of Possible Uses	May be used for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
Commercial Activities	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Historical Information	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 9, 2012 (National Register Information System ID: #12000092).  The Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and in compliance with the FKNMS regulations at 15 C.F.R. Part 922, Subpart P.
	Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
Marine Resources	The structure is located within the Sanctuary Preservation Areas (SPAs) of the FKNMS. Certain activities that are allowed in most areas of the sanctuary are prohibited within the SPAs per 15 C.F.R. § 922.164(d). In addition, all activities at the light station are subject to sanctuary-wide regulations at 15 C.F.R. § 922.163. Many of the marine species living on or surrounding the structure are protected by state and federal laws, including the federal Endangered Species Act. The Grantee would be liable for any damages to natural or cultural resources of the sanctuary resulting from their actions.
Utilities	None
Aid to Navigation (ATON)	ATON has been discontinued and removed from structure.
Environmental Information	Asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present on the Property.
Notice Response Due Date	60 days from the date of this Notice / no later than April 2, 2019.
Access/Inspection	Not open to the public. An inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by the U.S. General Services Administration after the 60-day screening period is closed. A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA in advance of the onsite inspection. Contact Eric Stavely at (404) 803-3128 or via email: eric.stavely@gsa.gov

Letters of interest should be sent to:

Eric Stavely
U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal
77 Forsyth St., (4PZ)
Atlanta, GA 30303

Send a copy to:

Timothy Parsons State Historic Preservation Officer Division of Historical Resources 500 S. Bronough St. Tallahassee, FL 32399