

GSA Announces Notice of Availability for Prudence Island Light in Portsmouth, Rhode Island

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BOSTON – On July 10, 2020, a Notice of Availability on Prudence Island Light – also known as Sandy Point Lighthouse – in Portsmouth, Rhode Island announced that the Light has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 470 (NHLPA), this Property is now 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

The Property is a historic, 28-foot cast iron light tower on Prudence Island, facing the East Passage of Narragansett Bay, one mile off the mainland. Constructed in 1823, it is the oldest lighthouse tower in the state.

Originally constructed in Newport, the lighthouse was moved in 1851 to Prudence Island, where it remains today. The lighthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

Any eligible entity with an interest in acquiring the Property for a use consistent with the purposes stated above should submit a letter of interest to the address below within 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice.

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 before the end of the 60-day Notice period.

Eligible entities which submit a letter of interest will be sent an application from the United States Department of the Interior, 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 application is due within 90 days from the date of the site inspection.

The NPS will review all applications submitted and may recommend a steward to receive the Property. If a recommendation is made, 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.

For more information, visit:

<https://disposal.gsa.gov/s/noticetypedetail?type=Lighthouse+Screening>

<https://www.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/noa/2020.htm>

The marketing and sales effort is being handled by GSA's New England Region Real Property Utilization and Disposal Division. The division provides realty services to federal agencies throughout the region, as well as in New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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