

ATTACHMENT C: Use and Disclosure of Proposal Information

For the purpose of this Prospectus, a “Trade Secret” means an unpatented, secret, commercially valuable plan, appliance, formula, or process, which is used for the making, preparing, compounding, treating, or processing of articles or materials which are trade-commodities. “Confidential commercial or financial information” means any business information (other than trade secrets) which is exempt from the mandatory disclosure requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. Exemptions from mandatory disclosure regarding business information contained in proposals include Freedom of Information Act exemption (4), which covers “commercial and financial information obtained from a person (which is) privileged or confidential, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (4).

If the applicant believes that its proposal contains trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the cover page of each copy of the proposal shall be marked with the following legend:

“The information specifically identified on pages ___ of this proposal constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial and financial information that the applicant believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The applicant requests that this information not be disclosed to the public, except as may be required by law. The applicant also requests that this information not be used in whole or part by the Government for any purpose other than to evaluate the proposal, except that if any Agreement and Lease is awarded

to the applicant, the Government shall have the right to use the information to the extent provided in the Agreement and Lease.”

The applicant also must specifically identify trade secret information and confidential commercial and financial information on the pages of the proposal on which it appears and must mark each such page with the following legend:

“This page contains trade secrets or confidential information and financial information that the applicant believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and that is subject to the legend contained on the cover page of this proposal.”

The NPS may use the information in the proposal identified by the proposal as trade secret information or confidential commercial and financial information only for the purpose of evaluating in the proposal, except that (1) if an Agreement and Lease is awarded to the applicant as a result of or in connection with submission of the proposal, NPS shall have the right to use the information as provided in the Prospectus, and (2) if the same information is obtained from another source without restriction it may be used without restriction.

If a request under the Freedom of Information Act seeks access to information in the proposal identified as trade secret information or confidential commercial and financial information, full consideration will be given to the applicant’s view that the information constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information. The NPS will notify the

applicant promptly of the request and give the applicant an opportunity to provide additional evidence and argument in support of its position, unless it is administratively infeasible to do so. If it is determined that the information claimed by the applicant to be trade secret information is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the NPS will notify the applicant of this determination to disclose the information.

The National Park Service assumes no liability for the disclosure or use of information contained in a proposal if not marked properly with the legends described above. Failure of an applicant to mark information contained in a proposal as trade secret information or confidential commercial or financial information will be treated by the National Park Service as evidence that the information is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.