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**Auction**  
U.S. Government Property

# Conneaut Harbor West Breakwater Light

Ashtabula County, Ohio



**Online Auction**  
**Opening Date September 9, 2008**

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**Sale Type:** Online Auction

**Start Date:** September 9, 2008  
3:00 p.m., Eastern Time

**End Date:** Based on bidding

**Bid Deposit:** \$5,000

**Bid Increment:** \$5,000

**Terms:** All cash, as is. Balance due in sixty (60) days.

**Inspection Opportunity:**

Friday, September 5, 2008  
at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

**Inspection Requirements:**

1. Only one inspection is planned for the lighthouse due to the logistical complexity involved in the inspection.
2. Inspection date will be contingent upon weather and United States Coast Guard (the "USCG") mission requirements.
3. You must be a registered bidder in order to participate in the inspection.
4. Each registered bidder will be permitted to bring only one additional person for the inspection.
5. Each person inspecting the lighthouse will be required to submit an inspection reservation and waiver of liability form (see page 21) no later than close of business on August 29, 2008.
6. Due to the unique characteristics of this property only adults in good physical condition will be able to access the lighthouse. During the inspection all participants must adhere to the rules and regulations as set forth by the USCG.

**Send Bid Form & Registration Deposit to:**  
U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)  
Office of Property Disposal (1PR)  
10 Causeway Street, Room 925  
Boston, Massachusetts 02222  
Attn: Michelle Sutton

**Web Page**

<http://propertydisposal.gsa.gov>

Click on the State of Ohio to view and download property sales information.

**Online Auction**

[www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com)

Register and submit bids.

**For More Sales Information:**

Arthur T. Ullenberg, Realty Specialist  
(312) 353-6039 or email [arthur.ullenberg@gsa.gov](mailto:arthur.ullenberg@gsa.gov)

# Invitation for Bids

## Property Information

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<b>Property Address</b>	Conneaut Harbor entrance; located in Lake Erie at 41° 58' 48" N, 80° 33' 30" W, interconnected with the Conneaut Harbor Federal Navigation Project.
<b>Property Description</b>	The lighthouse (the "Property") is a steel pyramidal tower with a height of 60 feet on a concrete base. Only the improvements are included in this sale. A submerged lands lease will be required by the State of Ohio to occupy the Property. The purchaser must obtain a submerged land lease prior to conveyance of the Property. For more information, please contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Services Center, Sandusky, Ohio at (419) 626-7980. The Property is also part of the Conneaut Harbor Federal Navigation Project breakwater and will require a lease from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to conveyance of the Property. For more information, please contact Mr. Robert Jameson of the Detroit District, Corps of Engineers, Real Estate Division at (313) 226-2767.
<b>Utilities</b>	No public utilities are known to be available. A sub-cable may exist at the Property that at some point in time provided low-voltage electricity prior to the Property being solarized by the United States Coast Guard. Although electrical equipment is present at the Property and such equipment is included in this sale, including a sub-cable, if present, the Government makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee as to the existence, quality, condition, size, or kind of sub-cable, if any, or that the same is in condition or fit to be used for the purpose for which intended, and no claim(s) for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after the bid opening or conclusion of the online auction. Please note that any reference to a sub-cable is included for informational purposes only and is not to be relied upon by the bidder.
<b>Historical Information</b>	Property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
<b>Aid to Navigation</b>	The Property holds an active aid to navigation. The Federal aid to navigation located at the Property remains the personal property of the United States. The United States reserves an unrestricted right for ingress and egress to maintain, operate, repair, replace or relocate the aid to navigation and any associated equipment, and a 360 degree arc of visibility for said aid.
<b>Easements</b>	Subject to all reservations, restrictions, rights, covenants, servitudes, licenses, and easements, recorded and unrecorded, for navigation, occupancy, access and utilities, if any. The Property is also subject to Federal and state control and requirements for submerged lands and improvements thereon.
<b>Environmental Information</b>	Due to the age of the Property, lead-based paint and asbestos may be present.

# Instructions to Bidders

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**1. AUCTION START DATE.** The online auction starts: September 9, 2008.

**2. TYPE OF SALE.** This sale will be an online auction conducted via the Internet and by submission of written or faxed bids. The auction will be conducted over a period of several weeks or until the property is sold. The date for receipt of final bids will be announced on the Internet with at least forty-eight (48) hours notice (see paragraph 11, Call for Final Bids). The auction may continue beyond that date as long as bidders are willing to submit higher bids. Thus, the bidders determine when the sale closes by their bidding activity.

**3. BIDS AND TERMS OF SALE.** Bids to purchase must be on an ALL CASH basis only. Buyers are expected to arrange their own financing and to pay the balance in full by the closing date. No government credit terms are available. The U.S. General Services Administration has no information on the availability of private financing or on the suitability of this property for financing.

## **4. REGISTRATION DEPOSIT.**

a. A registration deposit in the amount of **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)** must accompany your Bidder Registration and Bid Form. The following methods of payment are acceptable: (1) cashier's check, (2) certified check, (3) U.S. Postal Service money order, and (4) credit card payment (Visa or MasterCard only). Personal or company checks are not acceptable and will be returned to sender. To register to bid and if you are prepared to make an initial bid, please complete the enclosed Bidding Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Government Property and send the form with your bid deposit to: **U.S. General Services Administration, Property Disposal Division, Attn: Michelle Sutton, 10 Causeway Street,**

**Room 925, Boston, Massachusetts 02222; Telephone: (617) 565-5700.**

b. Please make your check payable to: **"U.S. General Services Administration"**

Deposits by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only) may be made by using the enclosed Registration Deposit by Credit Card Form. Only upon the U.S. General Services Administration's receipt of your registration deposit will you be allowed to bid online or by the submission of a written or faxed bid.

c. Within forty-eight (48) hours of acceptance of an offer by the Government, the successful bidder agrees to deposit an additional amount, if any, which when added to the bid deposit, will equal at least ten percent (10%) of the amount bid. Failure to so provide such bid deposit shall require rejection of your bid.

d. Upon acceptance of a bid, the appropriate bid deposit of the successful bidder shall be applied towards payment of the successful bidder's obligation to the Government. The full balance of the purchase price is payable within sixty (60) calendar days after award. At the time of closing, all cash money paid by the Purchaser will be credited, without interest, toward the total purchase price.

e. Registration deposits received from the two highest bidders will be held as stipulated in paragraph 14 of these Instructions to Bidders. All other registration deposits will be returned.

## **5. BIDDER REGISTRATION AND BIDS.**

a. Bidder registration and subsequent bids must be submitted on the official Bid Form titled "Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Government Property" accompanying this

Invitation for Bids. All information and certification requested thereon must be provided. **Bidder registration and bids submitted which fail to furnish all information or certifications required may be summarily rejected.** Additional bid forms are available upon request or you may photocopy the forms in this Invitation for Bids.

b. The Bidder Registration and Bid Form should be filled out legibly with all erasures, strikeovers, and corrections initialed by the person signing the bid. The Bid Form must be signed and dated.

c. To register online, bidders should return to the U.S. General Services Administration their original signed and completed Bidder Registration and Bid Form. Bidders should retain all other documents, including one copy of the Bidder Registration and Bid Form, for personal records.

**6. USER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.** A User Identification (“ID”) number and password are used to register online and to place bids online. If you register online, you will be required to assign your own User ID (limited to eight (8) characters) and password. **Since the User ID is used to publicly identify bids, and for your privacy, we strongly encourage you to create your User ID in a manner that protects you or your company’s identity.** If you do not register online, a User ID and password will be assigned to you. The User ID must be on the bid form when submitting bid increases, by mail or fax. The User ID number will be used to identify the bidders on our auction web page: [www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com).

## **7. BIDDING IN GENERAL.**

a. Bids may be delivered to our office either in person, by fax, by U.S. Mail, by private delivery services, or via the Internet at: [www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com).

b. Bidders who registered online may increase their bids by following the instructions at [www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com). They may also submit increased bids in person, by fax, by U.S. Mail, or private delivery services. By submitting your bid through [www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com), you agree that your Internet bid is a binding offer. You will be legally obligated for any and all bids submitted using your ID number and password on the Internet.

c. Bids must be submitted without contingencies.

d. Bids that are not submitted on the U.S. General Services Administration forms will be rejected.

## **8. FAXING YOUR BID.**

a. Bids by fax may be made with a credit card (Visa or MasterCard only) by using the deposit form in the bid package. By faxing your bid, you are agreeing that your faxed bid is a binding offer. Faxed bids must be completely filled out and signed. The fax number for increased bids or initial bids is **(617) 565-5720**.

b. A bid submitted by fax must arrive at the place and by the date and time that the Government has specified as the deadline for receipt of bids. If a bidder chooses to transmit a bid by fax, the Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the faxed bid, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) Receipt of a garbled or incomplete bid; (2) Availability or condition of the receiving facsimile equipment; (3) Incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment; (4) Delay in transmission or receipt of bid; (5) Failure of the bidder to properly identify the bid; (6) Illegibility of bid; and (7) Security of bid.

c. If your faxed bid is not reflected on the Government’s auction web page: [www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com), and your bid is higher than

the announced bid, you must call **Michelle Sutton at (617) 565-5700** for verification that your bid was received.

**9. DAILY BIDDING RESULTS.** Bidders may visit the U.S. General Services Administration's Internet Home Page at: [www.propertydisposal.gsa.gov](http://www.propertydisposal.gsa.gov) or its online auction web page at: [www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com) to obtain current bidding information. The Internet Home Page will be updated each Monday morning (excluding Federal Holidays) with the highest bid received over the weekend, and whenever new bids are received during normal business hours. Bidders will be notified via the web page when bidding will be closed. If your bid is not accurately shown on the web page, then you should call the U.S. General Services Administration at (617) 565-5700. Bidders are urged to pay close attention to the web page, which will contain new, revised and useful information regarding the high bid, modification to bid increment, and the closing date of the auction.

**10. INCREASING YOUR BID.** If you learn from the web page that your bid was not the high bid, you may increase the high bid until such time as bidding is closed. Increases in previously submitted bids are welcome and the bid deposit from your first bid will apply to subsequent increased bids. Increased bids must be submitted on the official U.S. General Services Administration bid forms unless you are bidding online. Official bid forms may be photocopied. Increased bids must be at least Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) more than the previous high bid in order to be considered. **The Government reserves the right to modify the minimum bid increment at any time prior to the close of the sale.** To increase a previously submitted bid, bidders may use one of the following methods: in person, by fax, U.S. Mail, private delivery services, or online at [www.auctionrp.com](http://www.auctionrp.com). In the event that two bids of equal value are received via U.S. Mail, fax, online, etc., the first bid received will be recognized.

**11. CALL FOR FINAL BIDS.** Once bidding slows down, a date will be set for the receipt of final

bids. That date, referred to as the "soft close date" will be announced on the web page and on the U.S. General Services Administration's bid hotline recording. On that date, commencing at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time, if no increased bid is received by 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, then bidding will close at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, and consideration will be given to selling the property to the high bidder. If an increased bid is received on a timely basis, then bidding will be continued over until the next business day on the same terms. Eventually, no one will outbid the high bidder and bidding will close at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on that day. **The Government reserves the right to increase the minimum bid increment once the soft close date has been established.** There is no advantage to waiting until the last minute to bid.

## **12. BID EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF BIDDER.**

- a. A bid executed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the bidder shall be accompanied by an authenticated copy of their Power of Attorney or other evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the bidder.
- b. If the bidder is a corporation, the Certificate of Corporate Bidder must be executed. The Certificate must be executed under the corporate seal by some duly authorized officer of the corporation other than the officer signing the bid. In lieu of the Certificate of Corporate Bidder, there may be attached to the bid copies of so much of the records of the corporation as will show the official character and authority of the officer signing duly certified by the secretary or assistant secretary, under the corporate seal, to be true copies.
- c. If the bidder is a partnership, and all partners sign the bid with a notation that they are all general partners, the Government will not ordinarily require any further proof of the existence of the partnership. If all partners do not sign the bid, then the names of all those except limited partners must be furnished on

the bid and the Government, in its discretion, may require evidence of the authority of the signer(s) to execute the bid on behalf of the partnership.

d. If the bidder is a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), a Certificate of the LLC must be completed and executed by the manager.

**13. WAIVER OF INFORMALITIES OR IRREGULARITIES.** The Government may, at its election, waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received.

**14. BACKUP BIDDER.** The second-highest bidder will be the backup bidder. If the high bidder is unable to consummate the transaction, the second highest bidder may then be considered for award. The backup bidder's deposit will be retained, without interest, until the first high bidder has increased their initial bid deposit to the required 10% of the purchase price. Subsequently, the bid deposit of the second high bidder will be returned by mail. In the event that the Government is unable to make an award to the highest or second-highest bidder, the Government reserves the right to negotiate with the remaining bidders and make an award that is in the best interest of the Government.

**15. ACCEPTABLE BID.** An acceptable bid is one received from a responsible bidder, whose bid, conforming to this Invitation for Bids, will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered.

**16. NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION.** Notice by the Government of acceptance or rejection of the bid shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given when faxed or mailed to the bidder or his duly authorized representative at the fax/phone number or address indicated in the bid. The processing of a bid deposit by the Government shall not, in itself, constitute acceptance of the bidder's offer. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids or portions thereof.

**17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.** The U.S. General Services Administration issuing office at the address given in this Invitation for Bids will, upon request, provide additional copies of this Invitation for Bids and answer requests for additional available information concerning the Property offered to facilitate preparation of bids. Each bid shall be deemed to have been made with full knowledge of all terms, conditions, and requirements contained in this Invitation for Bids.

# General Terms of Sale

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**1. TERM - "INVITATION FOR BIDS."** The term "Invitation for Bids" as used herein refers to the foregoing Invitation for Bids and its Property Information; the Instruction to Bidders; the General Terms of Sale; the Special Terms and Conditions of Sale; and the Environmental and Historic Notices, if any, and any provisions of the Bid Form and Acceptance; all of which are attached to this Invitation for Bids and incorporated and made a part hereof, and as may be modified and supplemented by any addenda or amendments that may be issued prior to the time fixed in the Invitation for Bids for the opening of bids or conducting of an auction.

**2. DESCRIPTION PROVIDED.** The descriptions of the property set forth in the Invitation for Bids and any other information provided therein with respect to the property are based on information available to the U.S. General Services Administration's Property Disposal Division and are believed to be correct, but any error or omission, including but not limited to the omission of any information available to the agency having custody over the property and/or any other Federal agency, shall NOT constitute grounds or reason for nonperformance of the contract of sale, or claim by Purchaser for allowance, refund, or deduction from the purchase price.

**3. INSPECTION.** Bidders are invited, urged, and cautioned to inspect the property to be sold prior to submitting a bid. The failure of any bidder to inspect or to be fully informed as to the condition of all or any portion of the property offered, will not constitute grounds for any claim or demand for adjustment or withdrawal of a bid after the bid opening or auction.

**4. CONDITION OF PROPERTY.** The property is offered for sale and will be sold "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quantity, quality, title, character,

condition, size, or kind, or that the same is in condition or fit to be used for the purpose for which intended, and no claim(s) for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after the bid opening or conclusion of an auction.

**5. ZONING.** Verification of the present zoning and determination of permitted uses thereunder, along with compliance of the property for present or proposed future use, shall be the responsibility of the bidder and the Government makes no representation in regard thereto. The Government does not guarantee that any zoning information is necessarily accurate or will remain unchanged. Any inaccuracies or changes in the zoning information shall NOT be cause for adjustment or rescission of any contract resulting from this Invitation for Bids or sales agreement. Please note that any reference to zoning is included for informational purposes only and is not to be relied upon by the bidder.

**6. CONTINUING OFFERS.** Each bid received shall be deemed to be a continuing offer after the date of bid opening or conclusion of an auction for sixty (60) calendar days, unless the bid is accepted or rejected by the Government before the expiration of the sixty (60) calendar days. If the Government desires to accept any bid after the expiration of the sixty (60) calendar days, the consent of the bidder shall be obtained prior to such expiration.

**7. POSSESSION.**

a. The successful bidder agrees to assume possession of the property within fifteen (15) calendar days of a written request given by the Government after acceptance of its bid. Should the successful bidder fail to take actual possession of the property within such period, the bidder shall nonetheless be charged with constructive possession commencing at 12:01 a.m., local time, at the location of the property,

on the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after such request by the Government. The word “possession” shall mean either actual physical possession or constructive possession.

b. Although by assuming possession under (a), above, the bidder incurs certain responsibilities and obligations under other conditions of this contract, such possession does not confer any right in the bidder either to make any alterations or improvements in or to the property or to use it for any purpose of its own without first obtaining the written approval of the Contracting Officer. Any such approval will be conditioned on the bidder paying to the Government for the privileges granted, for the period from the date of the approval to the date of conveyance, an amount equal to the interest for such interval of time on the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The interest rate shall be computed based on the yield of 10-year United States Treasury maturities as reported by the Federal Reserve Board in “Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15” plus 1½% rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent (1/8%) as of the date of bid acceptance.

**8. INSURANCE.** In the event a bid to purchase is accepted and possession of the property is assumed by the successful bidder prior to the date of conveyance, the successful bidder shall procure and maintain insurance at its own expense, effective for the period from the date of assumption of possession to the date of conveyance, for the benefit of the Government, in such kinds and amounts as may be required by the Government, and in companies acceptable to the Government.

a. Fire, extended coverage, vandalism and malicious mischief, personal injury and liability, and such other property insurance as required to protect the Government’s interest shall be maintained on the real and personal property covered by the bid, and shall be in such amounts which, after taking into account the coinsurance

provision, if any, of the insurance policies, will protect the unpaid indebtedness.

b. Information concerning insurance requirements will be furnished by the U.S. General Services Administration, Property Disposal Division, 230 South Dearborn Street, Room 3774, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or telephone (312) 353-6045.

**9. TAXES AND CLOSING COSTS.** As of the date of assumption of possession of the property, or the date of conveyance, whichever occurs first, the successful bidder shall assume responsibility for all general and special real and personal property taxes which may have been or may be assessed on the property and to prorate sums paid, or due to be paid, by the Government in lieu of taxes. All closing costs, including escrow and financing fees, shall be borne solely by the successful bidder. The Government has no knowledge of any tax amounts owed for this property.

**10. RISK OF LOSS.** As of the date of assumption of possession of the property, or the date of conveyance, whichever occurs first, the successful bidder shall assume responsibility for care and handling and all risks of loss or damage to the property and shall have all obligations and liabilities of ownership.

**11. REVOCATION OF BID AND DEFAULT.** In the event of revocation of a bid after the opening of bids or conducting of an auction but prior to acceptance, or in the event of revocation of a bid after notice of acceptance, or in the event of any default by the successful bidder in the performance of the contract of sale created by such acceptance, or in the event of failure by the successful bidder to consummate the transaction, the deposit, together with any payments subsequently made on account, may be forfeited at the option of the Government, in which event the bidder shall be relieved from further liability, or without forfeiting the said deposit and payments, the Government may avail itself of any legal or equitable rights which it may have under the bid or contract of sale.

**12. GOVERNMENT LIABILITY.** If the Bid for Purchase of Government Property is accepted by the Government (Seller) and: (1) Seller fails for any reason to perform its obligations as set forth herein; or (2) Title does not transfer or vest in the successful bidder (Purchaser) for any reason, although Purchaser is ready, willing, and able to close, Seller shall promptly refund to Purchaser all amounts of money Purchaser has paid, without interest, whereupon Seller shall have NO further liability to Purchaser.

**13. TITLE EVIDENCE.** Any title evidence that may be desired by the successful bidder will be procured by the bidder at its sole cost and expense. The Government will, however, cooperate with the successful bidder or its authorized agent in this connection, and will permit examination and inspection of such deeds, abstracts, affidavits of title, judgments in condemnation proceedings, or other documents relating to the title of the premises and property involved, as it may have available. It is understood that the Government will not be obligated to pay for any expense incurred in connection with title matters or survey of the property.

**14. TITLE.** If a bid for the purchase of the property is accepted, the Government's interest will be conveyed by a Quitclaim Deed or Deed Without Warranties and/or, where appropriate, a Bill of Sale in conformity with local law and practice. The Government does not pay for title insurance but the Purchaser may wish to acquire a title insurance policy from a local title company.

**15. TENDER OF PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF INSTRUMENT OF CONVEYANCE.** The Government shall set a sale closing date, said date to be not later than sixty (60) calendar days after acceptance of the bid. On the closing date, the successful bidder shall tender to the Government, by cashier's check, certified check, or U.S. Postal Service money order, the balance of the purchase price. Upon such tender being made by the successful bidder, the Government shall deliver to

the successful bidder the instrument, or instruments, of conveyance. The Government reserves the right to extend the closing date for a reasonable amount of time for purposes of preparing necessary conveyance documents. In any event, if possession was assumed by the successful bidder prior to the date of conveyance, the successful bidder shall pay, in addition to the purchase money due, an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 7, above, if applicable.

**16. DELAYED CLOSING.** The successful bidder shall pay interest on the outstanding balance of the purchase price if the closing of the sale is delayed, and the delay is caused, directly or indirectly, by the successful bidder's action and not by any action on the part of the Government. The interest rate shall be computed based on the yield of 10-year United States Treasury maturities as reported by the Federal Reserve Board in "Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15" plus 1½% rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent (1/8%) as of the date of bid acceptance. The Government reserves the right to refuse a request for extension of closing.

**17. DOCUMENTARY STAMPS AND COST OF RECORDING.** The successful bidder shall pay all taxes and fees imposed on this transaction and shall obtain at bidder's own expense and affix to all instruments of conveyance and security documents such revenue and documentary stamps as may be required by Federal and local law. All instruments of conveyance and security documents shall be placed on record in the manner prescribed by local recording statutes at the successful bidder's expense. A CONFORMED COPY OF THE RECORDED Quitclaim Deed must be provided to the U.S. General Services Administration, Property Disposal Division, 230 South Dearborn Street, Room 3774, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

**18. CONTRACT.** The Invitation for Bids, and the bid when accepted by the Government, shall constitute an agreement for sale between the successful bidder and the Government. Such agreement shall constitute the whole contract to be succeeded only by the formal instruments of

transfer, unless modified in writing and signed by both parties. No oral statements or representations made by, or for, or on behalf of either party shall be a part of such contract. Nor shall the contract, or any interest therein, be transferred or assigned by the successful bidder without consent of the Government, and any assignment transaction without such consent shall be void.

**19. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT.** No member of, or delegate to the Congress, or resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of the contract of sale or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to the contract of sale if made with a corporation for its general benefit. U.S. General Services Administration employees are prohibited from bidding on the property offered in the Invitation for Bids.

**20. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES.** The successful bidder warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any person or agency to solicit or secure this contract upon any agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. Breach of this warranty shall give the Government the right to annul the contract without liability or in its discretion to recover from the successful bidder the amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee in addition to the consideration herewith set forth. This warranty shall not apply to commissions payable by the successful bidder upon the contract secured or made through bona fide established commercial agencies maintained by the successful bidder for the purpose of doing business. "Bona fide established commercial agencies" has been construed to include licensed real estate brokers engaged in the business generally.

# Special Terms and Conditions

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**1. METHOD OF SALE.** This property will be sold by online auction. The bid that offers the greatest return to the Government may be accepted.

**2. NOTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS—WARNING!** The Quitclaim Deed by which the Property shall be conveyed will include the following language:

a. The Purchaser is warned that the Property offered for sale may contain asbestos-containing materials. Unprotected or unregulated exposures to asbestos in product manufacturing, shipyard, and building construction workplaces have been associated with asbestos-related diseases. Both the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (the “OSHA”) and the Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) regulate asbestos because of the potential hazards associated with exposure to airborne asbestos fibers. Both OSHA and EPA have determined that such exposure increases the risk of asbestos-related diseases, which include certain cancers and which can result in disability or death.

b. Bidders are invited, urged, and cautioned to inspect the Property to be sold prior to submitting a bid. More particularly, bidders are invited, urged and cautioned to inspect the Property as to its asbestos content and condition and any hazardous or environmental conditions relating thereto. The disposal agency will assist bidders in obtaining any authorization(s) that may be required in order to carry out any such inspection(s). Bidders shall be deemed to have relied solely on their own judgment in assessing the overall condition of all or any portion of the Property including, without limitation, any asbestos hazards or concerns.

c. No warranties, either express or implied, are given with regard to the condition of the Property including, without limitation, whether the Property does or does not contain asbestos or is or is not safe for a particular purpose. The failure of any bidder to inspect, or to be fully informed as to the condition of all or any portion of the Property offered, will not constitute grounds for any claim or demand for adjustment or withdrawal of a bid after its opening.

d. The description of the Property set forth in the Invitation for Bids and any other information provided therein with respect to said Property is based on the best information available to the disposal agency and is believed to be correct, but an error or omission, including, but not limited to, the omission of any information available to the agency having custody over the Property and/or any other Federal agency, shall not constitute grounds or reason for nonperformance of the contract of sale, or any claim by the Purchaser against the Government including, without limitation, any claim for allowance, refund, or deduction from the purchase price.

e. The Government assumes no liability for damages for personal injury, illness, disability, or death, to the Purchaser, or to the Purchaser’s successors, assigns, employees, invitees, or any other person subject to Purchaser’s control or direction, or to any other person, including members of the general public, arising from or incident to the purchase, transportation, removal, handling, use, disposition, or other activity causing or leading to contact of any kind whatsoever with asbestos on the Property that is the subject of this sale, whether the Purchaser, its successors or assigns has or have properly warned or failed properly to warn the individual(s) injured.

f. The Purchaser further agrees that, in its use and occupancy of the Property, it will comply with all Federal, state, and local laws relating to asbestos.

**3. NOTICE OF LEAD BASED PAINT FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO 1978.**

The Quitclaim Deed by which the Property shall be conveyed will include the following language: Every purchaser of any interest in real property on which a building was built prior to 1978 is notified that such property may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young children may produce permanent neurological damage, including learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotient, behavioral problems, and impaired memory. Lead poisoning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on lead-based paint hazards from risk assessments or inspections in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of any known lead-based paint hazards. A risk assessment or inspections for possible lead-based paint hazards is recommended prior to converting the Property to a residential dwelling.

**4. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COVENANT.**

The Quitclaim Deed by which the Property shall be conveyed will include the following language: The Conneaut Harbor West Breakwater Light is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Grantee, in accepting this Deed, acknowledges and accepts the following conditions and covenants:

(1) Grantee shall maintain and preserve the Property in accordance with the recommended approaches in *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties, Standards for Preservation* (Technical Preservation Services for Historic Buildings, National Park Service) in order to preserve and enhance the distinctive materials, features and

spaces that caused the Property to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(2) Distinctive materials, features, finishes, construction techniques and examples of craftsmanship that characterize the Property shall be preserved.

(3) No alterations or physical or structural changes shall be made to the architecturally and/or historically significant features of the Property, including the coloring or surfacing of the Property, without prior consultation with and express written approval signed by a fully authorized representative of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (the "SHPO"). Ordinary and necessary repairs and maintenance not materially affecting such features shall not be considered alterations. Approval for interior alterations shall be required only for changes to be made to features that contribute to the significance of the Property. This covenant shall be construed to preserve and protect the qualities which caused the Property to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(4) The Grantee will properly maintain the Property and protect it against deterioration. The Grantee will not permit the Property to fall into a serious state of disrepair or to remain in a serious state of disrepair so as to materially impair the integrity of the Property.

(5) The SHPO shall be permitted at all times to inspect the Property in order to ascertain if the above conditions are being observed.

(6) In the event that the Property, or any associated historic artifact associated with the Property ceases to be maintained in compliance with the covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in this section, in addition to any remedy now or hereafter provided by law, the SHPO may, following reasonable notice to Grantee, institute suit to enjoin said violation or to require restoration of the Property.

(7) The covenants, conditions and restrictions contained herein shall be inserted by the Grantee verbatim or by express reference in any deed or other legal instrument by which it divests itself of either the fee simple title or any other lesser estate in the Property.

(8) The Grantee agrees that the SHPO may, at its discretion, without prior notice to the Grantee, convey and assign all or part of its rights and responsibilities contained herein to a third party.

(9) The failure of the SHPO to exercise any right or remedy granted under this instrument shall not have the effect of waiving or limiting the exercise of any other right or remedy or the use of such right or remedy at any other time.

(10) The covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in this Historic Preservation Covenant shall constitute a binding servitude upon the Property and shall be deemed to run with the Property.

**5. AIDS TO NAVIGATION.** The Quitclaim Deed by which the Property shall be conveyed will include the following language:

The United States Coast Guard is the Federal agency responsible for operating and maintaining any “Federal aid to navigation” as that term is defined by paragraph (e)(4) of section 308 of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 (the “NHLPA”). The Federal aids to navigation located at the Property in operation as of this date shall remain the personal property of the United States and shall continue to be operated and maintained by the United States for as long as needed for navigational purposes.

The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that it is accepting title to the Property subject to the right of the United States Coast Guard, or its successor entity (the “USCG”) to continue the ownership, operation and maintenance of all active aids to navigation. In furtherance of its right to continue

such function, the United States hereby expressly reserves perpetual and assignable the following rights:

- a. The unrestricted right of the USCG to keep, locate, service, maintain, operate, repair, and replace aids to navigation and any and all associated equipment, on the Property.
- b. The unrestricted right of the USCG to relocate or add any aids to navigation and any and all associated equipment, or make changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for navigational purposes.
- c. A right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and replacing navigational aids and any and all associated equipment on the Property. The USCG shall have the right to enter the Property at any time, with reasonable notice, for the purpose of maintaining the navigational aids and performing the other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the Property as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing, maintaining, operating, repairing and replacing of navigational aids and any associated equipment, the Property shall, at the sole cost of the USCG, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, be left as nearly as reasonably possible in the same condition as before any such work began.
- d. A reservation to the USCG for the purpose of preserving an Arc of Visibility from the Property to the shoreline within the radial arc of 360 degrees true and the stipulation that nothing will be constructed, maintained or permitted of a height sufficient to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility of the Property.
- e. The Grantee shall not interfere with or allow interference in any manner with any navigational aids in use on the Property without express written permission from the USCG.

**6. NO LAND TO BE CONVEYED.** Only the lighthouse and related improvements are included in this sale. All aids to navigation equipment as set forth in paragraph five (5) above remain the property of the United States. See paragraphs seven (7) and eight (8) below for information regarding occupancy requirements.

**7. STATE OF OHIO SUBMERGED LAND**

**LEASE.** The lighthouse occupies Great Lakes Public Trust submerged lands owned by the State of Ohio. Authorization in the form of a Submerged Lands Lease is required by the State of Ohio for the occupied submerged lands. Prior to conveyance of the Property, the Purchaser must obtain a lease from the State of Ohio. See “Property Description” on page 3 for more information.

**8. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**LEASE.** The lighthouse is part of a breakwater owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to conveyance of the Property, the Purchaser must obtain a lease from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. See “Property Description” on page 3 for more information.

**9. EASEMENTS.** The property will be conveyed subject to any and all existing reservations, easements, restrictions, and rights, recorded and unrecorded, for private and public roads, highways, streets, pipelines, railroads, utilities, water lines, sewer mains and lines, storm sewers and drains, and other rights-of-way, including, but not limited to, any specific easements, restrictions, rights, or covenants set forth above.

**10. REJECTION.** The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**11. SELLER’S DEFAULT.** If a bid is accepted and Seller fails for any reason to perform its obligations as set forth herein, or title to the property does not transfer and vest in the Purchaser for reasons outside the Purchaser’s control, Seller shall promptly refund to Purchaser all amounts paid by Purchaser, without interest, whereupon Seller shall have no further liability to Purchaser.

**12. LIABILITY.** With respect to any claim against the Government, the extreme measure of the Government’s liability shall not, in any event, exceed refund of the purchase price or such portion thereof as the Government may have received.

**BIDDER REGISTRATION AND BID FORM  
FOR PURCHASE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY  
Conneaut Harbor West Breakwater Light**

U.S. General Services Administration  
Property Disposal Division  
10 Causeway Street, Room 925  
Boston, Massachusetts 02222  
Attn: Michelle Sutton / Fax: (617) 565-5720

**CHECK ONE:**     **Initial Bid**                       **Increased Bid**

The undersigned bidder hereby offers and agrees to purchase the property described in the Invitation for Bids No. 1PRC-08-007, including any amendments, (collectively the "IFB") for the bid amount listed below. The Bidder further agrees that said offer is made subject to the terms and conditions of the IFB, which by this reference is incorporated in the bid and made a part of the bid.

**Bid Deposit: \$5,000**

**Bid Amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bid Amount Spelled Out:** \_\_\_\_\_ **dollars**

In the event this bid is accepted, the instrument of conveyance should name the following as Grantee(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate above the manner in which title is to be taken (e.g., Sole and Separate Property, Joint Tenants, Tenants in Common, Community Property). Include name of spouse, if applicable.

**BIDDER REPRESENTS** that he/she operates as (check one):

An individual: \_\_\_\_\_

An individual doing business as: \_\_\_\_\_

A partnership, consisting of: \_\_\_\_\_

A limited liability partnership, consisting of: \_\_\_\_\_

A corporation, incorporated in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

A limited liability corporation, incorporated in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

A trustee, acting for: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signer's name and title (type or print): \_\_\_\_\_

**THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS**

## CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE BIDDER

For use with Bidder Registration and Bid Form for Purchase of Government Property

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary or other official title)  
of the Corporation (or LLC) named as bidder herein; that \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of Authorized Representation)  
who signed this Bid for Purchase of Government Property on behalf of the bidder, was then  
\_\_\_\_\_ of said Corporation (or LLC); that said bid was  
duly signed for and on behalf of said Corporation (or LLC) by authority of its governing body and is within the  
scope of its corporate powers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Certifying Officer)

(Corporate Seal Here)

**REGISTRATION DEPOSIT BY CREDIT CARD**  
**Conneaut Harbor West Breakwater Light**

**Fax this form to (617) 565-5720:**

U.S. General Services Administration  
Property Disposal Division  
10 Causeway Street, Room 925  
Boston, Massachusetts 02222  
Attn: Michelle Sutton

By completing this form and signing in the space provided below, applicant agrees to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in the Invitation for Bids No. 1PRC-08-007, including any amendments, (collectively the "IFB") for the property identified above. Applicant must be the authorized cardholder and agrees that his/her/its credit card will be debited the full amount of the registration deposit, as specified in the "Instructions to Bidders," Paragraph 4, Registration Deposit. In the event that applicant is the successful bidder, the registration deposit will be applied towards the purchase price for the Property. In the event that applicant is not the successful bidder, the registration deposit will be credited to the credit card account listed below.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check type of credit card to be charged:       VISA                               MASTERCARD

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEPOSIT BY CHECK**  
**Conneaut Harbor West Breakwater Light**

**Fax this form to (617) 565-5720:**

U.S. General Services Administration  
Property Disposal Division  
10 Causeway Street, Room 925  
Boston, Massachusetts 02222  
Attn: Michelle Sutton

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY**

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: \_\_\_\_\_ BID AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified or Cashier's Check must be made payable to the U.S. General Services Administration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID No. or Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address to which refund check will be issued (if unsuccessful bidder), if different from above:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID No. or Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

By completing this form and signing in the space provided below, applicant agrees to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in the Invitation for Bids No. 1PRC-08-007, including any amendments, (collectively the "IFB") for the property identified above. In the event that the applicant is the successful bidder, the registration deposit will be applied towards the purchase price for the property. In the event that the applicant is not the successful bidder, the registration deposit will be returned as indicated above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT) ENROLLMENT FORM

**Use this form to enroll in Direct Deposit of your federal payment from the General Services Administration**

Privacy Act Statement Collection of this information is authorized by 31 U.S.C. 3332(g), 3325(d) and 7701(c) The information will be used by the Government to make payments by EFT to a vendor. This information may also be used for income reporting and for collecting and reporting on any delinquent amounts arising out of a vendor's relationship with the Government. Disclosure of the information by the vendor is mandatory. Failure to provide the requested information may result in the delay or withholding of payment to the vendor.

Company/Payee Name					
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Taxpayer ID Number (TIN)					

Financial Institution Name					
Financial Institution Phone Number	(     )				
Financial Institution Routing Transit Number (RTN)					
Depositor Account Title					
Depositor Account Number					
Account Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking		<input type="checkbox"/> Savings		
Company/Payee Contact Person					
Phone	(     )				
<b>MUST HAVE SIGNATURE</b> Company/Payee Authorized Signature					

**FAX to GSA Property Disposal at (617) 565-5720**  
**FAX to Property Disposal Finance at (816) 823-5507**

# INSPECTION RESERVATION & WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

Conneaut Harbor West Breakwater Light  
**(Registered Bidders Only)**

Inspection Date/Time: Friday, September 5 at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time

The undersigned acknowledges that safety hazards, unique historic features and sensitive biological conditions may be present at this Property. The undersigned waives all rights and claims of any kind against the Federal government under state or Federal law for loss, damage, claim or liability whatsoever, due to personal injury or death, or damage to property or others directly or indirectly incurred while inspecting the Property, and agrees to hold the Federal government harmless for any such claims or damages.

**Fax this form to (312) 886-0901 / Attn: Arthur Ullenberg**

**-PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY-**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_