

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**Boon Island Light Station
off York Beach near Cape Neddick, York County, Maine
May 16, 2012**

The light station described on the attached sheet 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 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.

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

Boon Island Light Station (1855) is located on a barren piece of land in the Gulf of Maine about six miles offshore from York, Maine. The light was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

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 address listed below within 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice (July 16, 2012).

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, 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 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.

**Letters of interest should be sent to:
U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal
10 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02222
Attention: Meta Cushing**

**Send a copy to:
Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer
Maine Historic Preservation
55 Capitol Street Station 65
Augusta, ME 04333**

**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)
Notice of Availability Fact Sheet Date: May 16, 2012**

GSA Control No.	1-X-ME-0672
Property Identification	Boon Island Light Station (“the Property”)
Address	Located on a small island approximately 400 square yards in York County, off the southern coast of Maine about six miles southeast from Cape Neddick. The nearest town is York. Coordinates: 43° 07 '18" N 70° 28' 36" W
Description	 <p>Established during the War of 1812, Boon Island Light Station is a tapered tower constructed of ashlar granite that is punctuated by two opposing vertical rows of seven windows each. The wide conical base rises to a wide molded band situated below the parapet. There is a tall granite shaft that holds the lantern. The interior of the tower contains a circular stairway that leads to a door at the parapet.</p> <p>The original tower was destroyed in 1831, subsequently rebuilt and then finally replaced with the current tower in 1855.</p> <p>There is a small shed onsite that may be a remnant of a boathouse. Walkways lead to the shed and a boat slip runs to the shore. The ruins of the former keeper’s house are visible on the island.</p> <p>At 123 feet high, the Property is the tallest light structure along the Maine coast. The island is a barren outcrop of granite 14 feet above sea level.</p>
Condition of Property	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	The Property may be used for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
Commercial Activities	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
Historical Information	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988 (NR #88000153), the Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
Utilities	None
Current Tenant	American Lighthouse Foundation. Any existing lease or license will be terminated before conveyance.

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Aid to Navigation (ATON)	ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG. Solar powered and automated in 1980. The present optic is a VRB-25 which flashes white every five seconds. A fog signal horn sounds once every 10 seconds.
Easements to be retained by the United States Coast Guard	<p>1) 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;</p> <p>2) 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 ATON purposes;</p> <p>3) a right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and replacing ATON 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 ATON and performing other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the Property as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing of the ATON 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;</p> <p>4) 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 to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility;</p> <p>5) the unrestricted right of the USCG to sound, in certain weather conditions, a fog signal horn.</p>
Environmental Information	Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present on the Property.
Notice Response Due Date	60 days from date of this Notice – July 16, 2012
Access/Inspection	Not open to the public. An inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by GSA after the 60-day screening period is closed. A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA in advance in of the onsite inspection. Contact Meta Cushing 617-565-5823 in Boston or via email: meta.cushing@gsa.gov.