

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

**Minot's Ledge Light
Offshore Cohasset Rocks
Plymouth County, Massachusetts**

July 31, 2009

The light station property ("the Property") 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 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 address listed below by 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice by close of business on Friday, September 30, 2009.

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

Eligible entities which submit a written letter of interest will be sent an application from the United States Department of the Interior and given an opportunity to inspect the property. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the site visit. The completed application must be submitted to the Dept. of Interior within 90 days after the site inspection. The Dept. of Interior will review applications and may select a steward to receive the Property.

In order to complete the conveyance, the steward is required to obtain a lease to occupy the submerged lands from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will deed the historic light structure once it receives a copy of the State's agreement. For more information, see <http://www.nps.gov/history/maritime/nhlpa>.

Letters of interest should be sent to:

**U.S. General Services Administration Public Buildings Service
Property Disposal Division
10 Causeway Street, Room 925
Boston, MA 02222 Attention: Meta Cushing (meta.cushing@gsa.gov)**

with a copy sent to:

**Brona Simon, State Historic Preservation Officer & Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125**

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GSA Control No.	1-X-MA-0880
Property Identification	Minot's Ledge Light Tower ("the Property") – offshore on a 25 foot wide ledge of rock ("Minot's Ledge"), part of "Cohasset Rocks."
Address	Located in Plymouth County, Massachusetts. Nearest towns: Scituate and Cohasset (found approximately two miles north of the town of Minot, near Cohasset Harbor). Just outside the southern entrance to Boston Harbor from Cape Cod Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Surrounded by the waters of the Massachusetts Bay. Coordinates: 42 16 12 N 70 45 30 W
Description  <i>Photo courtesy USCG</i>	<p>Granite 114-foot, five-story conical tower built on an outcropping of rocks known as "Cohasset Rocks." Brick interior; first 40 feet are granite topped with a storage room and living quarters, punctuated by small square windows. Watch room & lantern room encircled by narrow walkway; lantern is bronze with domed roof.</p> <p>A bronze ladder extends from the lower mean waterline up to the entrance door and platform approximately 30 feet above. Very difficult to land on in moderate or heavy sea conditions.</p> <p>First constructed as an iron pile structure in 1850, it collapsed in 1851; a second structure was rebuilt in 1860 in a mid-19th c. design of "wave-swept" construction (i.e., interlocking cut Quincy granite blocks dovetailed and doweled to each other on a stone foundation). Property is an American Society of Civil Engineers landmark.</p> <p>Height of focal plane: 85 feet. Working navigational aid with a distinctive 1-4-3 flash cycle visible within 15 miles and a fog signal horn.</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	Historic Lights may be obtained 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 (#87001489), the Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.

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	<p>Property is an American Society of Civil Engineers landmark.</p> <p>In 2007, a memorial plaque honoring the two keepers who perished in 1851 was dedicated and lowered on to the seabed floor. The keeper's quarters, fog bell and a replica of the lantern room may be viewed at Government Island in Cohasset.</p>
Utilities	None
Current Tenant	None
Aid to Navigation (ATON)	ATON will remain the personal property of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Converted to solar power in 1983, the Property is an active, automated ATON.
Rights to be retained by the United States Coast Guard	<p>1) an unrestricted right to a 360 degree Arc of Visibility;</p> <p>2) a right of access for ingress and egress to and across the Property to maintain, operate, service, repair, and replace equipment as necessary to support its ATON mission;</p> <p>3) a right to relocate or add any aids to navigation or communications towers and equipment (along with necessary right of egress/ingress), or make any changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for navigation/public safety purposes.</p> <p>4) a right benefitting the USCG to utilize the fog signal horn at any time and in any manner it deems necessary.</p>
Environmental Information	Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present.
Submerged Lands	Under the NHLPA, no submerged lands can be conveyed. The selected steward must obtain a lease or easement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to occupy the submerged lands.
Response due date	Please respond to GSA within 60 days from the date of this Notice of Availability (NOA).
Access/Inspection	<p>Not open to the public. Best view is from Minot's Beach in Scituate. An inspection for eligible applicants only will be arranged by the General Services Administration (GSA) in cooperation with the USCG after the 60-day screening period is completed.</p> <p>A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA in advance in of the onsite inspection. Contact 617-565-5823 in Boston or email: meta.cushing@gsa.gov with any questions.</p>

