

**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act
Notice of Availability
Ram Island Ledge Light Station
Offshore Cumberland County, Maine**

Ram Island Ledge Light Station, described on the attached fact sheet, has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA) of 2000 16 U.S.C. 470, this Property is being made available at no cost to eligible entities defined as federal, state and local agencies, non-profit corporations, educational agencies, or community development organizations for education, park, recreation, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.

In the event no applicant is approved as steward for the no cost conveyance, pursuant to Section 308 of the Act, the property will be offered for public sale. Historic covenants will be included in all deeds.

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 listed below by October 29, 2008.

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 that submit a letter of interest will be sent an application by the U.S. Department of the Interior and given an opportunity to inspect the property. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant for the inspection. The completed application must be submitted to the U.S. Department of the Interior within 90 days of that inspection. The U.S. Department of the Interior will review applications and recommend a steward to receive the Property. The U.S. General Services Administration will complete the conveyance to the recipient.

Letters of interest shall be directed to:

U.S. General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service
Office of Property Disposal
10 Causeway Street
Boston MA 02222 Attn: Meta Cushing

A copy should be sent to:

Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr. SHPO
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
55 Capitol Street, Station 65
Augusta, ME 04333

For more information on the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act, please visit the National Park Service website at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm>.

GSA Control No.	1-U-ME-0653
Property Identification	Ram Island Ledge Light Station, found at northern side of the entrance to Portland Harbor, Cumberland County, Maine 04107 Latitude: 43.37 min. 54 sec. Longitude: -71.11 min.12 sec.
Address	Offshore light about a mile from Portland Head; stands on an outcropping of rock and shoals barely visible at high tide. Closest town is Cape Elizabeth.
Description	Built in 1905, this light is a granite conical tower built on a granite block foundation with attached skeletal pier. It rises to a height of 77 feet from its base to the middle of the round lantern. The pier extends from the west side of the structure. The keeper's quarters and storage facilities are located within the tower. There is a ladder rising from the pier to a door located at the west face below a small square window. A pair of windows is on the south side with another window in the east face. A wide molded granite walkway caps the tower base. It is framed by an iron railing. The lantern is round, has an iron base and diamond paned windows.
Condition	The property is offered "AS IS" and "WHERE IS", without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.
Historical Information	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Must be maintained in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated in the Deed.
Current Tenant	American Lighthouse Foundation (nonprofit) since 2005.
Range of Possible Uses	NHLPA allows for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
Commercial Activities	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
Aids to Navigation (ATON)	Active, solar-powered, automated in 1965. Characteristic two white flashes every six seconds. The fog signal horn has one blast every 10 seconds. ATON remains the personal property of USCG.
Easements to be retained by the U.S. Coast Guard	1) 360 degree arc of visibility easement; 2) an easement for an unrestricted right of access in, to and across the Property to maintain, operate, service, repair, install equipment as necessary to support its ATON mission; and 3) the unrestricted right to relocate or add any aids to navigation or communications equipment (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.

Environmental Information	Likely lead-based paint and possible asbestos-containing building materials present due to age of the structure.
Utilities	None
Response Due Date	60 days from date of this Notice – October 29, 2008.
Access/Inspection	Not open to the public. Accessible by boat. Treacherous shoals. Inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by GSA Boston.
Contact	Meta Cushing, 617-565-5823 or meta.cushing@gsa.gov General Services Administration, Boston, MA 02222



Ram Island Ledge Light Station, Maine (2008)

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