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Nye County, Nevada Request to Initiate Transaction for Acquisition of 292.46 Acres of Land for Commercial Purposes Pursuant to Public Law #106-113

Dear Mr. Palma:

In follow up to discussions with Sharon DiPinto and Anna Wharton of your staff last September regarding Nye County's intent to acquire the subject property, I am pleased to inform you that funding for the acquisition is expected to be forthcoming on or about March 27, 2006. The purpose of this letter is to request that the Bureau begin the transaction process necessary to acquire the remaining 292.46 acres of property at the Lathrop Wells intersection, located in Amargosa Valley, Nye County, Nevada. At the March 21st, 2006 meeting in Pahrump, Nevada, the Nye County Board of Commissioners voted to acquire this property for commercial purposes, pursuant to the legislative land conveyance described under Public Law Number 106-113 (Motion Summary enclosed).

In furtherance of this action, I am requesting to meet with you to discuss the County's proposed acquisition, the expected costs and schedule, and other issues related to finalizing the transaction. As such, a Nye County representative will contact you to set a meeting date for further discussion of this matter. Nye County looks forward to this opportunity to work with the BLM.

Very truly yours,

NYE COUNTY, NEVADA
Michael Maher
Nye County Manager

Cc w/encl: Nye County Board of Commissioners
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EXCERPTS FROM H.R. 3423 Included in FY 2000 Appropriations Act
P.L. #106-113, dated November 29, 1999
NYE COUNTY

SEC. 132. CONVEYANCE TO NYE COUNTY, NEVADA. (a) DEFINITIONS- In this section:

(1) COUNTY- The term 'County' means Nye County, Nevada.

(2) SECRETARY- The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) PARCELS CONVEYED FOR USE OF THE NEVADA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall convey to the County, subject to the requirements of 43 U.S.C. 869 and subject to valid existing rights, all right, title, and interest in and to the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2). Such conveyance shall be made at a price determined to be appropriate for the conveyance of land for educational facilities under the Act of June 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.) and in accordance with the Bureau of Land Management Document entitled 'Recreation and Public Purposes Act', dated October 1994, under the category of Special Pricing Program Uses for Governmental Entities.

(2) LAND DESCRIPTION- The parcels of public land referred to in paragraph (1) are the following:

(A) The portion of Sec. 13 north of United States Route 95, T. 15 S., R. 49 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada.

(B) In Sec. 18, T. 15 S., R. 50 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

(i) W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 .

(ii) The portion of the W 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 north of United States Route 95.

(3) USE-

(A) IN GENERAL- The parcels described in paragraph (2) shall be used for the construction and operation of the Nevada Science and Technology Center as a nonprofit museum and exposition center, and related facilities and activities.

(B) REVERSION- The conveyance of any parcel described in paragraph (2) shall be subject to reversion to the United States, at the discretion of Secretary, if the parcel is used for a purpose other than that specified in subparagraph (A).

(c) PARCELS CONVEYED FOR OTHER USE FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE-

(1) RIGHT TO PURCHASE- For a period of 5 years beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the County shall have the exclusive right to purchase the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2) for the fair market value of the parcels, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) LAND DESCRIPTION- The parcels of public land referred to in paragraph (1) are the following parcels in Sec. 18, T. 15 S., R. 50 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

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(A) E 1/2 NW 1/4 .

(B) E 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 .

(C) The portion of the E 1/2 SW 1/4 north of United States Route 95.

(D) The portion of the E 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 north of United States Route 95.

(E) The portion of the SE 1/4 north of United States Route 95.

(3) USE OF PROCEEDS- Proceeds of a sale of a parcel described in paragraph (2)--

(A) shall be deposited in the special account established under section 4(e)(1)(C) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2345); and

(B) shall be available for use by the Secretary--

(i) to reimburse costs incurred by the local offices of the Bureau of Land Management in arranging the land conveyances directed by this Act; and

(ii) as provided in section 4(e)(3) of that Act (112 Stat. 2346).