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not exercise a right of preference. The concession contract will be awarded to the offeror submitting the best responsive proposal.

§ 51.32 What is the process if the Director determines that the best responsive proposal was not submitted by a preferred offeror?

If the Director determines that a proposal other than the responsive proposal submitted by a preferred offeror is the best proposal submitted for a qualified concession contract, then the Director must advise the preferred offeror of the better terms and conditions of the best proposal and permit the preferred offeror to amend its proposal to match them. An amended proposal must match the better terms and conditions of the best proposal as determined by the Director. If the preferred offeror duly amends its proposal within the time period allowed by the Director, and the Director determines that the amended proposal matches the better terms and conditions of the best proposal, then the Director must select the preferred offeror for award of the contract upon the amended terms and conditions, subject to other applicable requirements of this part.

§ 51.33 What if a preferred offeror does not timely amend its proposal to meet the terms and conditions of the best proposal?

If a preferred offeror does not amend its proposal to meet the terms and conditions of the best proposal within the time period allowed by the Director, the Director will select for award of the contract the offeror that submitted the best responsive proposal.

§ 51.34 What will the Director do if a selected preferred offeror does not timely execute the new concession contract?

If a selected preferred offeror fails to execute the concession contract in the time period specified by the Director, the Director either will select for award of the concession contract the offeror that submitted the best responsive proposal, or will cancel the solicitation and may resolicit the concession contract but only without recognition of a preferred offeror or right of preference.

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§ 51.35 What happens to a right of preference if the Director receives no responsive proposals?

If the Director receives no responsive proposals, including a responsive proposal from a preferred offeror, in response to a prospectus for a qualified concession contract for which a preferred offeror exists, the Director must cancel the solicitation and may resolicit the concession contract or take other appropriate action in accordance with this part. No right of preference will apply to a concession contract resolicited under this section unless the contract is resolicited upon terms and conditions materially more favorable to offerors than those contained in the original contract.

Subpart F—Determining a Preferred Offeror

§ 51.36 What conditions must be met before the Director determines that a concessioner is a preferred offeror?

A concessioner is a preferred offeror if the Director determines that the following conditions are met:

(a) The concessioner was a satisfactory concessioner during the term of its concession contract as determined under this part;

(b) The applicable new contract is a qualified concession contract as determined under this part; and

(c) If applicable, the concessioner's previous concession contract was an outfitter and guide concession contract as determined under this part.

§ 51.37 How will the Director determine that a new concession contract is a qualified concession contract?

A new concession contract is a qualified concession contract if the Director determines that:

(a) The new concession contract provides for the continuation of the visitor services authorized under a previous concession contract. The visitor services to be continued under the new contract may be expanded or diminished in scope but, for purposes of a qualified concession contract, may not materially differ in nature and type