



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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Captain Patrick A. Lefere
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RE: RENEWAL OF MOLE LEASE NUMBER N62467-03-RP-00077
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

Dear Captain Lefere,

The City of Key West would like to open discussions on a new agreement for the City's use of the Mole Pier for cruise ship operations. Although the current lease does not expire until June 30, 2013, the long lead time nature of the cruise industry requires scheduling port calls 18 to 24 months in advance of the visit. In order to make a commitment to our cruise industry partners for dock space, we need to be in a position to ensure the Mole Pier will be available for their use.

If the government determines it is in their best interest to retain the property, the City would like to negotiate a long-term lease of the Mole Pier pursuant to the provisions of 10 USC 2667 as discussed in the 2002 MOU between the Navy and City of Key West. The City feels that a longer term lease agreement would permit both entities to plan and execute maintenance and facility improvement projects to the pier that would ensure it's viability as a berthing location for commercial and government vessels for the foreseeable future. The lease would ensure government vessels access to City controlled berthing in the event a government vessel desired a berth during a time frame when another vessel was scheduled for the Outer Mole Pier. It would also facilitate the City's efforts to enter into long term contracts with the cruise industry for guaranteed pier space.

Conversely, if the Government determines the property to be excess, the City would like to pursue a no-cost Public Benefit Conveyance and assume ownership of the property pursuant to section (b)(2) of statute 10 USC 2667.

The City and Government have had a strong mutually beneficial relationship with regards to use of the Outer Mole Pier. We would like to see that continue in the future. My contact person for negotiations is Jim Fitton, Port and Transit Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scholl".

James Scholl
City Manager, City of Key West

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