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Clinton Lake Resort One Step Closer to Reality

TOPEKA – Development of a Kansas lake-side, destination resort is moving forward. Potential developers and stakeholders attended a pre-bid meeting July 2 at Clinton State Park and were briefed by Kansas Department of Administration staff regarding the project and process.

Such a facility has been discussed for many years, but initiation of the bid process puts the project on track. Proposals for development of the 175-room hotel and conference center will be accepted by the Department of Administration through 2:00 p.m. July 17, 2013.

"This project is a big step toward enhancing outdoor tourism in Kansas," said Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Secretary, Robin Jennison. "I believe the economic impact will be felt by more than the just the Lawrence area because visitors will get a snapshot of the outdoor opportunities all of Kansas has to offer."

KDWPT operates Clinton State Park near the proposed resort site, and Parks Division staff are excited about the potential impact to the park.

"We know such a facility will bring new visitors to the area and let them experience what Clinton Lake and Clinton State Park have to offer," said Linda Craghead, KDWPT Assistant Secretary. "Once they see how beautiful this area is and experience the amazing recreational opportunities available, we think they'll come back. This is a win/win for everyone."

Interested developers requiring additional information regarding Resort Development – Lake Clinton may contact the Department of Administration at 785-296-2375 or visit www.da.ks.gov/purch/contracts/bids.asps/EVT0002445.