

2023 Kansas Statutes

32-874d. Requests for proposals; advertisement; negotiations with developers. (a) When the incentive packages for each of the lake resorts is determined, the secretary of wildlife and parks and the secretary of commerce shall develop requests for proposals that include the incentive packages for each site. The proposals received from developers under K.S.A. 32-807(h)(6), and amendments thereto, shall be sealed.

(b) (1) The Kansas department of wildlife and parks and the department of commerce shall advertise for proposal plans with bids for development of sites selected under K.S.A. 32-867, 32-868, 32-871 and 32-872, and amendments thereto. Advertisements for proposals with bids shall be published in the Kansas register and once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the community at least 60 days before the time for receiving the proposals with bids. The advertisement shall also be posted on readily accessible bulletin boards in all offices of the two departments and on the information network of Kansas. The advertisement shall identify the area to be developed, the purpose of the development and shall state that such further information as is available may be obtained from either departments' office in Topeka.

(2) The two secretaries shall consider all proposals with bids submitted, the financial and legal ability of the private sector developers making such proposals with bids to carry them out and may negotiate with any private sector developer for a proposal with bid. The secretaries may accept such proposal with bid as it deems to be in the public interest and in furtherance of the purposes of this act.

(c) Once proposals are received from developers wishing to contract for building the resort, the secretary of wildlife and parks utilizing powers and authority granted under K.S.A. 32-807, 32-862, 32-863 and 32-867 through 32-872, and amendments thereto, and the secretary of commerce under K.S.A. 74-5005, and amendments thereto, shall select, negotiate and contract for the construction of a lake resort that shall be operated as a private concession and developed with private funding to include, but not limited to, the issuance of revenue bonds under K.S.A. 32-857 through 32-864, and amendments thereto.

(d) The secretary of wildlife and parks and the secretary of commerce may engage a private consultant to assist in the development of a contract for the selected site. Consistent with the powers and authority granted to the secretary of wildlife and parks, the secretary may waive any relevant park fees, obtain revenue from the resort and resort facilities and include penalty provisions in the contract regarding nonperformance by the operator and developer of the resort.

(e) The secretary of wildlife and parks and the secretary of commerce shall not seek approval under K.S.A. 32-873, and amendments thereto, until the requirements of subsections (a) through (d) are satisfied.

History: L. 1998, ch. 92, § 4; L. 2003, ch. 154, § 11; L. 2012, ch. 47, § 40; L. 2023, ch. 7, § 47; July 1.