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**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT CIRCULATES
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS**

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The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (District) announced today that it is soliciting Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for qualified consultants or consultant teams to develop a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Redwood Marine Terminal Modernization Project including a preliminary design for Phase I of the Project. To qualify, Consultants will be required to have an extensive background with marine terminal design and California and Federal environmental compliance.

The approximately 80 acre Redwood Marine Terminal site is located along Humboldt Bay's western margin at the Samoa townsite, south of the west end of the Highway 255 bridge. The terminal presently consists of two ~1,100 foot long dilapidated wooden wharfs along approximately 6,000 feet of Humboldt Bay shoreline along the -38' (MLLW) Samoa Channel. As one of the oldest marine terminal sites on Humboldt Bay, operating nearly continuously from the late 1800s to the present, the site includes several wooden warehouses and shop buildings built between the late 1800s and 1970s.

In order to assess the options for restoring the Redwood Marine Terminal to modern operational status, the Board of Commissioners commissioned the Redwood Marine Terminal Feasibility Study and Business Plan, which was completed in November 2008. As part of the action that the District's Board of Commissioners took to receive and file the final reports, the Board also directed District staff to proceed with developing environmental documentation, including a preliminary conceptual design, for the modernization of the Redwood Marine Terminal. As a first step, a Notice of Preparation was circulated in early 2009 and several comments were received that will be used in the preparation of the environmental compliance documents. This Request for Qualifications is intended to lead to the completion of those environmental documents.

Further details regarding the RFQ for the Redwood Marine Terminal Modernization Project are available on the District's website www.humboldt.org or at the District's office at 601 Startare Drive, Woodley Island, Eureka, CA 95501 during normal office hours. RFQ submittals must be received by the District prior to 4:00 PM, Friday, July 31, 2009.

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