

Regarding BR11-0622 – Park & Recreation lease of Camp Rollandet to Outward Bound
From Parks & Recreation

1) How did general community hear about opportunity?

There was not a public notification process as DPR was already in discussions with Outward Bound about leasing the basement of the Rollandet facility when the decision was made to move the staff to the WMB (for budget/operational reasons). The discussions were then expanded to include the entire facility.

2) Does DPR usually put out an RFP or notice for spaces like this?

Because of the short lease and limited dollar amount (\$1,000 per month lease fee), the City Attorney's Office and DPR determined an RFP was not required.

However, there is no policy requiring DPR to put out an RFP for non-profit partnerships. In fact, DPR did try the RFP process with the three transition centers and only one proposal was submitted. At that point, the leadership team conducted outreach and had a less formal selection process. With Rollandet, DPR was already in active discussions with Outward Bound who aligns in vision with the department and outdoor recreation.

In addition, as Mr. Montoya mentioned, because of the programming provided by Outward Bound, DPR will meet a GOCO grant requirement of providing environmental education (cut from budget in 2009 as natural areas program was combined with park division).

Rollandet is a challenging location for most Denver based non-profits (off I-76 & Sheridan). With the move of staff to the WMB, there was a clear need to quickly provide a presence with a group that could help activate the space.

If there is a continued interest by other non-profits for use of the facility at the end of the current lease with Outward Bound, DPR would consider putting out a proposal request then or if that appears to be a

3) Will community still have access? Will the gates remain locked?

The community will still have access to the property. In fact, with Outward Bound on site, it will be easier to schedule rooms which have been underutilized for many years. We have kept the back gate locked because we have had a limited presence on the site and were concerned about vandalism. We are working to get this changed with the Outward Bound's presence.