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## **Corps solicits bidders for Twin Ridge Marina lease**

**WILMINGTON, North Carolina, August 29 2000**—The US Army Corps of Engineers announced today that it is seeking concessionaires to bid for lease of the 31-acre Twin Ridge Marina site. The lease package requests proposals for the construction, operation and maintenance of a marina concession facility at the site, which is near Martinsville, Virginia.

A former marina at Twin Ridge closed after a serious fire put it out of operation in January of 2000, and construction is required before marina and concession operations can begin anew. A study conducted this spring concluded that the Twin Ridge site, popular with local recreationists and long-time users of Philpott Lake, remained the best location for the facility.

"The Corps is currently updating and improving many parts of our recreation infrastructure and programs," said COL James W. DeLony, Commander of the Wilmington District. "We wanted to make sure that the site we chose truly would fit best into the future patterns of use we plan for Philpott. To our long-time customers, that might have seemed the obvious choice, but we look to the future as well as the past. Happily for all, Twin Ridge did turn out to be the right site."

"We have advertised, as is a normal procedure, in the Commerce Business Daily," said COL DeLony, whose Corps District operates the Philpott Lake project served by the marina in the past. "We are also advertising in regional news media. We want to hear from as many bidders as possible what they can offer the recreating public."

Applications will be available August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2000. A pre-application conference is scheduled for October 3, 2000. Closing date for receipt of applications is November 28, 2000. Interested parties may contact Carl Smith (540) 629-4512, extension 224, or Sherry Oenbrink at (919) 542-6393.

