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Department of General Services Seeking Parties Interested in Possible Purchase of Pine Grove Armory in Schuylkill County

Letters of interest will be accepted through Jan. 19

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Department of General Services today announced the search for buyers interested in purchasing the historic Pine Grove Armory in Schuylkill County. According to DGS Secretary Sheri Phillips, the property is not yet up for sale, but the department is currently accepting letters of interest until 3 p.m. on Jan. 19, 2015.

“There are many applications the Pine Grove Armory can be adapted to fit while maintaining its historical significance,” Phillips said. “While the property is not yet up for sale, our goal is to find out if there is interest and what price a potential buyer would be willing to pay for the property.”

The three-story brick and stone structure was built in the early 1900s with an addition made in the 1980s. The property was used as an armory for military offices, drills and trainings. The armory has historic ties to the community and housed a unit that was involved in every major US military campaign except for the war of 181 and the Vietnam War.

Secretary Phillips noted that the armory has a historic covenant placed on it, which requires the purchaser to maintain the exterior of the property per guidelines of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. This covenant can provide up to a 20-percent discount off the armory’s appraised value of \$135,000.

“The Pine Grove Armory is an important part of the history of the town of Pine Grove, where it played an integral role of supporting the men and women who dedicated their lives to military service,” Phillips noted. “We are looking to see what interest there is among the public to purchase this property and preserve it so that it may continue to be a source of pride for the surrounding community.”

All letters of interest must be received by DGS by 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19. To view the Pine Grove Armory Request For Interest (RFI), visit DGS website at www.DGS.pa.gov, click on the “Real Estate Land & Leasing Opportunities” under Business Links.

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