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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – McCORMICK PLACE

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (“MPEA”), a municipal corporation established pursuant to 70 ILCS 210/1 *et seq.*, as amended (the “Act”), owns and operates the McCormick Place convention center in Chicago, Illinois. The MPEA has engaged a third party manager to act as MPEA’s agent to provide banquet/catering and concessions food service management at McCormick Place. The current contract expires June 30, 2022.

All qualified and interested parties are invited to respond to this Request for Qualifications.

Respondents MUST register and ONLY communicate regarding this RFQ and subsequent RFP with the MPEA Procurement Department via: mpeaprocurement@mpea.com

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – NOTE THAT DATES MAY CHANGE AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO ALL REGISTERED PARTIES AND POSTED ON THE MPEA WEBSITE.

POST RFQ DOCUMENTS	Wednesday May 19, 2021
PROPOSER QUESTIONS DUE	Thursday May 27, 2021
PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS DUE	Wednesday June 30, 2021 by Noon
MPEA REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS	July 2021
PREQUALIFIED PROPOSERS NOTIFIED	July/August 2021
RFP DOCUMENTS ISSUED	August 2021
MPEA SITE VISIT	August/September 2021 (subject to travel or other restrictions)
PROPOSALS DUE	RFP Issuance + 6 weeks
NOTICE OF AWARD/INTERVIEWS	Proposal Due Date + 6 weeks
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS	
MPEA BOARD APPROVAL	
CONTRACT EXECUTION	
FY 2023 BUDGET AND TRANSITION PLAN DUE	January 2022
TRANSITION	January – June 2022

CONTRACT BEGINS	July 1, 2022

ALL PROPOSERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW ALL DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS PROVIDED BY MPEA VIA ITS WEBSITE

CONTRACT AND RFQ DOCUMENTS ARE POSTED HERE:

<https://www.mpea.com/doing-business/>

Click on “Current Bids/Proposal Opportunities”

-Management Contract between SMG FOOD AND BEVERAGE, LLC d/b/a SAVOR and MPEA, and all amendments

-Management Contract between SAVOR and MPEA for FY22 (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022)

-Food Service Management, RFQ 2021-07-M

FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS POSTED HERE:

<https://www.mpea.com/finance/>

Proposers can find audited financial statements, operating budget, and information regarding MPEA Bonds. Qualified firms must be able to prepare and submit annual and three-year budgets and successfully meet audit requirements.

INFORMATION ABOUT MCCORMICK PLACE AND ITS PARTNERS CAN BE FOUND HERE:

Proposers are encouraged to independently research MPEA and McCormick Place.

<https://www.mccormickplace.com/>

<https://wintrustarena.com/>

<https://savorchicagomcpl.com/>

<https://mccormicksquarechicago.com/>

<https://www.choosechicago.com/listing/mccormick-place-complex/>

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/illinois/hyatt-regency-mccormick-place/chimc>

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chimq-marriott-marquis-chicago/>