

# THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND

## **Trust for Governors Island Seeks Restauranters and Vendors for New Food and Beverage Program in 2018 and Beyond**

**September 20, 2017. New York, NY.** The Trust for Governors Island (The Trust) today released a request for proposals for new food and beverage service at multiple high traffic areas across Governors Island. The Trust is seeking proposals from restauranters and vendors to provide fresh, inventive and sustainable food on Governors Island for up to three years during the six month public season, which runs from May 1-October 31. Proposals for food, coffee and other beverages, including alcohol, are encouraged. The Trust's intention is to find partners for a comprehensive food and beverage program that reflects the Island's creative character and diverse audience.

"Governors Island is fast becoming a beloved gathering place for all New Yorkers, and food is a central part of what brings us together," said Michael Samuelian, president of the Trust for Governors Island. "Building off our busiest season to date, we invite ideas for sustainable food and beverage as exciting, inventive and diverse as the City itself."

Restauranters and vendors will have the opportunity to locate within some of the most picturesque settings in New York City, with historic structures, rolling green spaces and unrivaled views of the Lower Manhattan skyline, New York Harbor, Brooklyn Bridge and Statue of Liberty. Multiple sites within five lively, high-traffic areas are being offered through the RFP, all of which are close to ferry landings and locations of popular events and activities held on Governors Island throughout the season. Proposers will have the opportunity to submit proposals for one or multiple sites being offered.

Through this RFP, the Trust hopes to expand and improve the Island's food offerings with broadest range of food and beverage menu options. Over the past year, Governors Island's public season has expanded to six months, with an estimated 750,000 visitors this year. Visitors come to Governors Island to wander its lush park spaces, explore free art and cultural programming, enjoy recreational activities and cycle in a car-free environment. This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of one of New York City's most beloved public spaces with a fast growing audience.

Responses to this RFP will be evaluated on the basis of overall quality of proposal, planned operations, demonstrated experience, size of fee offer and proposed design of establishment. The Trust will look favorably upon proposals that include environmentally friendly business practices and a commitment to sustainability. Food truck submissions will not be accepted as part of this RFP. The Trust will open a separate permitting process for mobile food trucks later this year that will complement selected licensees from this RFP.

Information sessions and site tours will be offered on Wednesday, September 27 and Saturday, September 30 at 10:00AM. Proposals must be submitted to the Trust by 3:00PM on Friday, November 17. For more information, please visit [www.govisland.com/about/rfps](http://www.govisland.com/about/rfps).

Governors Island is open to the public seven days a week from May 1 through October 31 from 10 AM to 6 PM weekdays and weekends from 10 AM to 7 PM. For more information, visit [www.govisland.com](http://www.govisland.com).

### **About The Trust for Governors Island**

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making this island at the center of New York Harbor a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit and commercial facilities. For more information, visit [www.govisland.com](http://www.govisland.com).

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