



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Food Service Operations: Restaurant, Café, Catering

Introduction

The Barack Obama Foundation (the “Foundation”) invites you to submit a response to this Request for Proposal (the “RFP”) as part of the Foundation’s process to select a vendor for Food and Beverage Service Operations for the Obama Presidential Center.

About the Foundation and the Obama Presidential Center (OPC)

The Barack Obama Foundation is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation’s mission is to inspire, empower and connect people to change their world. That mission begins at home, on the South Side of Chicago, where the Foundation is building the Obama Presidential Center (referred to herein as the “OPC”, “Center” or “Project”), in the heart of historic Jackson Park.

The OPC presents a historic opportunity to build a world-class museum and public gathering space that celebrates our nation’s first African American President and First Lady. The vision for the OPC is inspired by the legacy of civic engagement shared by Barack and Michelle Obama and will tell the story of the Obama Administration’s achievements, challenges, and lessons learned – as well as of the millions of Americans, in and out of government, at all levels of society, who made that journey possible. The OPC will be a home for recreation, engagement, storytelling, and story making, and will include a collection of public buildings, a plaza, walkways, and other spaces designed to communicate the message that all are invited here to learn, convene, converse, collaborate, and create.

Scope of this RFP

Restaurant: The restaurant is envisioned as a casual eatery with either a counter service model or a hybrid service model in which a customer orders food at a counter and has a seat, then the food is delivered to the customer by a runner. A wide variety of diverse offerings that reflect the Foundation’s values are desired. The estimated capacity for the restaurant is 75-90 in the restaurant’s dining space with an additional 45-60 outdoors and another 64 seats of overflow into adjacent spaces.

Café: The café, located on the Garden Level of the Museum Building, is envisioned as a casual outlet serving coffee, wine, beer, and grab-and-go items including pastries, pre-packaged salads, pre-packaged sandwiches and snacks. The café has seating for 70-90 with another 24 possible in the courtyard weather permitting.

Catering: Catered events will occur in a variety of spaces on the OPC campus. Events will be characterized as public or private. Public events will include scheduled and or ticketed events such as lectures or performances and community events such as book club meetings. Private events will include Foundation internal events and third party (or external rental) events.



Qualifications

Qualified proposers must have been in business providing food service management for a minimum of five years, have a cumulative minimum of \$5 million in average annual revenues for the last five years, have demonstrable experience providing food services in a quick service format to a large volume of visitors, and experience providing a wide range of catered events. The Foundation encourages the inclusion of local partners and anticipates teaming opportunities will exist.

Timeline

December 1st, 2022	RFP Release
December 14th, 2022	Virtual Info Session
January 6th, 2023	Questions Due
February 17th, 2023	RFP Responses Due
February - May 2023	Evaluation Period
June 2023	Anticipated Contract Date

To receive the full RFP when it is released you must sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) at <https://ironcladapp.com/public-launch/6345d290446ec243693b4e9a>

Any questions about the RFP or the NDA should be directed to procurement@obama.org