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OGS SEEKS CAPITAL REGION VENDORS FOR SUMMER 2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The New York State Office of General Services is seeking vendors for its Capital Region farmers markets, lunchtime programs, and Summer At the Plaza events. Businesses are encouraged to submit applications to participate in the numerous opportunities that exist for craft, merchandise, specialty product, and prepared food vendors.

Applicants are being sought for lunchtime food vending programs at the Empire State Plaza and Harriman Campus which run from May through October at both locations. The lunchtime food program is for commercial and not-for-profit vendors providing ready-to-eat food products. At the Empire State Plaza, two options are available: full week participation or Wednesday & Friday participation in conjunction with the summer farmers market. At the Harriman Campus, the lunchtime program runs five days a week, but vendors have the option of opening as early as 7 a.m. to serve breakfast.

The summer outdoor farmers markets are held at the Empire State Plaza each Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the Harriman Campus each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The markets are grower- and producer-only markets, meaning participants may only sell items they have grown or produced themselves. Reselling is not permitted. The farmers markets are part of the New York State FreshConnect program, which is designed to meet the needs of communities by bringing fresh food to underserved areas, improving nutrition education, and helping create local jobs.

Business interested in vendor opportunities at events in the Summer at the Plaza series of concerts and festivals should consult with OGS concerning specific options available.

All prospective vendors must complete an application and return it with payment to the Special Events Office in order to be considered for participation. Day of event "walk-in" vendors are not permitted at any time. Applications, criteria used to review and evaluate applications, and fee schedules can be found online on the public events page at www.ogs.ny.gov or by

contacting the convention and cultural events office at (518) 473-2982 or jason.rumpf@ogs.ny.gov.

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