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**BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RELEASES RFP
FOR PIER 1 FOOD CONCESSIONS**

Concessions expected to be in place in time for the summer season

Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation (BBPDC) today released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for food concessionaires in four distinct locations on Pier 1. The RFP is being released in anticipation of the Pier 1 section of the park opening up to the public this spring. The design of Pier 1 includes a 30-foot wide pedestrian and bike path, a waterfront promenade, Bridge View Lawn, Harbor View Lawn and the stunning granite River Steps facing the Lower Manhattan skyline.

BBPDC is seeking inventive and creative proposals from quality operators with solid backgrounds in the food service industry. BBPDC's intention is for the concessions to complement the ambience and aesthetic of the park and surrounding area while providing a convenient service to the public. Respondents are invited to submit proposals for one or more of these sites, but each site must be submitted as a separate proposal. Responses to the RFP must be submitted to BBPDC by 3 p.m. on April 1, 2010.

Through this RFP process, BBPDC hopes to capture the diversity and originality of local fare by featuring fresh and original food concessions at Pier 1. The Brooklyn renaissance of the past decade is perhaps most visible in the innovative and eclectic restaurant scene and food culture that has become one of the borough's marked characteristics. Brooklyn's culinary habits are on the forefront of national trends, featuring local, organic and fresh ingredients prepared using both traditional and progressive methods.

The Pier 1 concessions will include two locations for mobile food carts, a 130-square foot location inside the Pier 1 gatehouse at the park's main entrance at the intersection of Old Fulton Street and a 2,500-square foot elevated outdoor plaza with the option of seeking a beer and wine license from the New York State Liquor Authority.

BBPDC is also working in coordination with New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to release two RFPs for concessions at the Pier 6 portion of the park, also slated to open this spring. One RFP will be for a sit-down restaurant with almost 2,000 square feet of interior space, in addition to outdoor dining space on both the adjoining terrace and the rooftop. The other RFP will be for a 170-square foot space in the Pier 6 Gatehouse at the park's southern entry at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue. The Pier 6 RFPs are being released in conjunction with DPR, as they are the current owners of the land on Pier 6. BBPDC will work together with DPR to select the concessionaires and will manage the park and concessions once they open.

“We are very excited to be releasing these RFPs for food concessions,” said Regina Myer, President of Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation. “Brooklyn has been the home to so much recent creativity and energy surrounding food service and we believe that Brooklyn Bridge Park will not only capture the energy of the burgeoning Brooklyn food scene, but provide a platform from which to showcase the best of Brooklyn to the rest of the world.”

“This is yet another piece of our park coming together,” said Peter Davidson, Executive Director of Empire State Development. “Along with its magnificent views and acres of green, folks will now be able to enjoy something to eat too. Announcing this Request for Proposals is another sign that our park will be ready for visitors this spring.”

“The construction of Brooklyn Bridge Park is creating our city's next great waterfront destination,” said Parks & Recreation Commissioner Adrian Benepe. “While New Yorkers enjoy breathtaking views of New York Harbor, the Brooklyn Bridge and the Manhattan skyline, they will also be able to indulge in delicious food. I am grateful to the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation for releasing this RFP which will ensure that strong Brooklyn culinary traditions continue in the borough's newest park.”

Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation is a subsidiary of Empire State Development, New York's chief economic development agency, encompassing business, workforce and community development. ESD also oversees the marketing of “I LOVE NY,” the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information, visit www.brooklynbridgeparknyc.org.

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