

General Policies & Terms

The Farley Building is owned by the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD), the primary economic development agency of the State of New York. It is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Moynihan Station Development Corporation (MSDC), the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), and the New York State Office of General Services (NYS OGS). While the Farley Building is in the midst of a transformation into New York City's new intercity passenger rail train hall, spaces within the building are available for approved events.

All events must be approved and coordinated through MSDC. An application to hold an event at the Farley Building is not automatic. MSDC will not approve an application if the proposed event will unduly interfere with MSDC operations or the operations of its contractors and sub-contractors, create health or safety risks, or not be in keeping with the historic nature of the facility and its status as a government and landmarked building.

All applications for events must include a detailed submission that describes the nature of the event, the sponsoring entity, the production team and their experience, the number of attendees and event staff, the power and other technical requirements of the production, a description of the decorating and build-out plan, the number of days needed for load-in and break-down, and a security plan. MSDC will consider this submission in determining whether to approve the application.

All applicant and production teams are responsible for securing all necessary permits for the event, including a Temporary Public Assembly (TPA) permit from New York City Department of Buildings (NYC Buildings), liquor permits from the State Liquor Authority and any street closure permits from the New York City Department of Transportation. As a former federal facility, the James A. Farley Building does not have a Certificate of Occupancy from NYC Buildings. MSDC will not allow an event to proceed unless a TPA has been issued for the event by NYC Buildings. While MSDC will reasonably cooperate with all permit applications, MSDC is not responsible for securing the applications, and neither MSDC, ESD nor NYS OGS shall be responsible if the applicant is unsuccessful in obtaining the necessary permits for its event.