

Pre-Proposal Meeting Questions:

1. Does 91-95 E Riverwalk S have outdoor dining?
 - A. The outdoor space immediately in front of the location is available for activation for concession operations. The site plan must include an ADA accessible path to the entrance of the McCormack Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum which is located at 99 E. Riverwalk South. Site plans that obstruct access to the McCormack Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum will not be well-received. There is limited indoor space at 91-95 E Riverwalk South.

2. Is there a Permit required for the Patio?
 - A. The site plan for uses of the patio will be permitted through the License Agreement. The Site Plan will be approved by the Chicago Riverwalk Evaluation Committee. Fleet and Facility Management (2FM) will need to review and approve the Site Plan each season. The Chicago Riverwalk Liquor License prohibits any amplified sounds after 8:30 p.m., this includes music and radios. Violations can result in Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) revoking the Liquor License.

3. Is it ok to send a physical proposal to 2 N Lasalle?
 - A. Electronic copies are preferred for the ease of distribution to the Chicago Riverwalk Evaluation Committee.

4. Are Links accepted to be submitted if Document is too large?
 - A. A secure FTP site will be acceptable. An unsecure public website with a link is not acceptable. Very large proposals can also be “zipped” or divided and sent as multiple emails with the Required labeling in the subject line indicating 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3.

5. Will there be Property Taxes due?
 - A. No property taxes will be due. The License Agreement allows operations on the Chicago Riverwalk. The License Agreement is not a lease or a real estate transaction.

6. Can we hire our own entertainment/Bands etc.?
 - A. Yes, most vendors on the Riverwalk hire their own entertainment. In addition, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events has the Chicago Band Roster which can be used as a resource.

7. When would we be expected to start operating?
 - A. The goal is to have both available locations in operation no later than July 4, 2024. This date could be negotiated if the location can be in operation earlier or in the event site work is needed and a later start date is necessary. An extension to the License Agreement will not be permitted if the start date is later than July 4. One of the extension of the License Agreement could be considered, but the term of the License Agreement can not exceed sixty months.

8. Redacted PDF: Could you kindly provide more information regarding the specific requirements for the redacted PDF that must be submitted? It would be immensely helpful to know the level of detail that needs to be redacted, any specific sections or information that should be highlighted, and any guidelines or formatting preferences that we should adhere to.
 - A. The guidelines for the redacted proposal can be found in Section A, Part 4 “Transparency” of the Request for Proposal

9. Marketplace Space and Shared Kitchen: In the event that our proposal is chosen, and we are allocated a space within the Marketplace, I wanted to inquire about the availability of a shared kitchen. Could you please confirm whether such a shared kitchen facility exists? Additionally, it would be helpful to know if there are any specific guidelines or protocols in place for the use of the shared kitchen.
 - A. There are no shared kitchen facilities on the Riverwalk.

10. Non-Natural Gas Spaces: In your previous communication, you mentioned the possibility of being granted spaces that may not have natural gas or other necessary components for running a kitchen. I would greatly appreciate further clarification on this matter. If such spaces do not have the required infrastructure, I would like to know what alternatives or options are available. Would it be possible to install the necessary utilities, or would these spaces be deemed unsuitable for housing a restaurant?
 - A. Location 1: 65 East Riverwalk South in the Community Marketplace does not have the space nor the components of running a kitchen and cannot be converted into one. The location is ready for Retail not Food & Beverage.
Location 2: 91-95 E Riverwalk South, is built out for housing a kitchen.