

Request for Proposals
Bar Operator for Downtown Bazaar
617 Main Street, Buffalo, NY

WEDI is now seeking a lessee to operate the bar at the former Expo Market, now named Downtown Bazaar, in the heart of the Theatre District. Downtown Bazaar is a 9,000 sq. ft. space where 4 retail business and 5 food service businesses will be incubated under WEDI's Economic Development program. **Inside the Downtown Bazaar is a 280 sq. ft. bar, with windows onto Main Street, and outdoor seating.**

RFP DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2023

Summary:	Large fully functional bar with fridges, equipment, draft beer towers, and keg tapping system.
Bar Top Details	51-foot bar top, 280 sq. ft. bar area, seating for at least 20 at the bar.
Draft Beer:	24 taps, European-style tap system.
Food Sales:	No access to the commercial kitchen.
Seating:	At least 20 seats at bar top. Additional 60+ seats in dining areas, for customers who also purchase food from food service businesses operating inside Downtown Bazaar.
Televisions:	Yes. Two mounted behind bar. Operator (lessee) responsible for cable.
Licenses:	Operator (Lessee) must be adequately licensed/permitted to sell beer/wine for on-premises consumption.
Base Rent:	\$3,500 per month, includes some utilities, lessee's option to renew each month.
Utilities:	Lessor will cover gas, electricity, water, heat, sewage. Operator (Lessee) is responsible for other utilities, including regular maintenance of keg tapping system.
VIEWINGS and NEXT STEPS:	View the space on Friday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 8 from 12 PM to 4 PM. Individual viewings also by appointment. Please contact Mike Moretti, Bazaar Operations Manager, mmoretti@wedibuffalo.org

WEDI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its dual focus areas of Education and Economic Development work in tandem to tackle systemic inequities that affect Buffalo's underserved residents, many of whom are people of color. By supporting youth to succeed in school and empowering entrepreneurs to launch, sustain, and grow small businesses, WEDI helps to create a more equitable Buffalo.

Since 2011, WEDI successfully operated the West Side Bazaar on Grant Street. That Bazaar attracted more than 80,000 visits each year and is considered a cultural tourism asset by those who live and work in the region. The West Side Bazaar had a fire and closed on September 20, 2022. The media, our loyal customers, theater goers, and office workers eagerly await the opening of the Downtown Bazaar which will feature two popular restaurants (Nile River and Abyssinia Ethiopian Cuisine) and two retail vendors from the old West Side Bazaar and two new food businesses (Jiu Jiu Blue's Bakery and Pinoy Boi).

Attachment: (1) Photos of front and rear area of bar.

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Front of Bar:



Bartender Area:



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