



## Kentucky Exposition Center Selects Oak View Group As Exclusive Food & Beverage Partner

(Louisville, KY – September 22, 2025) – The Kentucky Exposition Center today announced the selection of Oak View Group (OVG), the global leader in live event venue development, management, premium hospitality services, and 360-degree solutions, as its exclusive food and beverage provider. The partnership ushers in a new era for the Kentucky Exposition Center, one focused on innovation, local partnerships, and elevating the guest experience.

Beginning with the Louisville Sports Commission's 2025 Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame celebration on September 23, OVG Hospitality will oversee all culinary services at the Kentucky Exposition Center, which hosts millions of visitors annually for several of the nation's largest trade shows, concerts, agricultural expositions, and sporting events.

"Hospitality is central to every event we host, and our guests and clients have been clear that they want food and beverage options that consistently add to their experience," said **David S. Beck, President & CEO of Kentucky Venues**. "We listened. Partnering with Oak View Group Hospitality allows us to build on our strong traditions while introducing fresh ideas, enhanced services, and an intentional approach that strives to meet our clients' expectations."

Guests can expect expanded menu variety, premium offerings that highlight Kentucky's culinary heritage, and collaborations with beloved regional vendors. Planned enhancements also introduce new technology to improve speed of service, including multiple grab-and-go markets and more cashless transaction points.

"This is a transformative partnership," said **Ken Gaber, President of OVG Hospitality**.

"Louisville is a proud city with deep traditions, and the Kentucky Exposition Center is at the heart of that. Our team is focused on honoring that history while bringing new energy and consistency to the hospitality experience. By combining global expertise with local flavors, we'll deliver food and service that meet the needs of every guest who walks through these doors."

Together, the partners are committed to redefining what exceptional hospitality means in Louisville, creating food and beverage experiences that not only elevate events but also showcase the city's vibrant culture to visitors from across the country.

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