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Restaurant Tenant Sought for Poughkeepsie Train Station

Historic, Just-Restored Waiting Room Offered for Rent

MTA Metro-North Railroad hopes to attract a restaurant tenant to the historic Poughkeepsie Station, which has undergone \$40 million in restoration and passenger facility improvements.

The station is the northern terminus of Metro-North's Hudson Line, providing train service to and from New York City. More than 1,800 people use the station each day, including Saturdays, and 1,400 on Sundays! It also serves as a gateway to the Berkshire Mountains, the popular Walkway Over the Hudson and many other tourist destinations and points north and west. The station also serves Amtrak customers.

"This is a unique opportunity for an entrepreneur to grow a business in a beautiful, bustling train station," said Metro-North President Howard Permut. "We are looking for someone to serve our customers and draw patrons from the surrounding city and region. Poughkeepsie, with its many attractions, is fast becoming a destination for tourists as well as Dutchess County commuters."

Metro-North recently completed significant renovations to the interior and exterior of the building, which was built in 1911 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was designed by Warren and Wetmore, the architects of Grand Central Terminal.

Recent repairs included replacement of the monumental, three-story arched windows, repairs to the waiting room, new restroom facilities, new utility connections with upgraded water lines and a new gas line, a new terracotta tile roof and repairs to the ornamental cornice, new copper roof drains, new mahogany doors and complete re-pointing of exterior brick.

A 2,500-square-foot portion of the majestic waiting room, including an existing concession counter, is being offered for rent in a request for proposals issued this week. A 100-square-foot space in the overpass also is being offered as is a 900-square-foot, open-air space in the Hudson River overlook area atop the commuter parking garage with sweeping views of the river.

Envisioned is a business that will initially operate as a café or eating and drinking establishment and in time expand to provide other commuter services, such as a flower shop or other related uses.

The announcement comes as the MTA works to maximize non-fare revenues by continuing to develop its portfolio, including property used by all of its subsidiary agencies. As part of this effort, the MTA has committed to selling or leasing its headquarters near Grand Central and consolidating office functions in Lower Manhattan. It is currently working with the NYC Economic Development Corp. to lease or sell seven properties throughout New York City.

Suggested annual rent for the Poughkeepsie waiting room area and the overpass site is \$60,000 in the first year of a 10-year lease.

Bids are due June 15, 2012. Inspections will be conducted by appointment. For more information visit the real estate page of the MTA website.