

**1. Food and beverage:**

The Applicant seeks to highlight local and regional products, brands, and cuisines in the Gaming Facility's food and beverage offerings. The Applicant is engaging several local restaurateurs related to certain "shell" space; such a restaurant could serve a significant tie-in to, and showcase of, local cuisines.

2. Entertainment offerings:

As described in this Response, the Applicant is proposing not to develop a dedicated entertainment venue such as a showroom and not to develop substantial meeting space. Given its proximity to downtown Albany, the Applicant believes that there could be significant promotion of, and tie-in to, local entertainment and meeting facilities.

3. Hard Rock:

The Applicant believes that one of the strengths of the Hard Rock brand is its ability to transcend regional barriers. As an example, as part of the Applicant's agreement with Hard Rock, the Applicant will lease certain rock-and-roll memorabilia from Hard Rock on an ongoing basis; some of that memorabilia could have a local tie-in showcasing for example certain local performers or performances.

4. Hudson River

The Site is located directly on the Hudson River overlooking downtown Albany. Pursuant to current conversations among the State, the City of Rensselaer, and Marx, the Applicant currently contemplates a walkway along the Hudson River highlighting the attraction.

5. Albany-Rensselaer Rail Station

The Site is located in close proximity to the Albany-Rensselaer Rail Station. According to Amtrak, for fiscal year 2013, the station had approximately 765,000 boardings and alightings and is the ninth-busiest station in the Amtrak system. The Applicant believes that there could be significant additional tourism draw given the proximity of the station to the Site.