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**NEWS RELEASE**

**MANY BUSINESS OPPS AT 2016 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

***2016 Philadelphia Host Committee seeking vendors of goods/services for events  
& compiling public registry of vendors for later use; register at [www.phldnc.com](http://www.phldnc.com)***

**WARWICK, R.I.** – If you’re a small business – or even a larger one – looking to broaden your reach, there are many opportunities for you at the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Chair Joseph M. McNamara said, in a “tele-town hall” call earlier Tuesday, organizers of the Philadelphia 2016 Host Committee for the Democratic National Convention, shared with Rhode Island Democratic Party officials and 400 businesses, suppliers and local stakeholders, information on how to register as vendors for the quadrennial convention in the city of Brotherly Love.

“This is a great opportunity for any business to be part of American history and showcase their talent and goods or services,” McNamara said. “We are sharing this with Rhode Island’s business groups, so they may disseminate it to their membership, too.”

“The Host Committee is committed to engaging the business community and looks forward to working with an array of diverse businesses leading up to and during the Convention,” said Tiffany Newmuis, Director of Diversity and Community Engagement for the Philadelphia 2016 Host Committee. “The best way to communicate your interest in being considered for supplier contracts is by signing up for our 2016 Vendor Directory, and we encourage all vendors to register,” she said.

Representatives from the Host Committee said they are actively seeking businesses – across many industries and not just from Pennsylvania – to register for its database. While the hope is to garner many area businesses, the demand for goods and services at the convention and many third-party events requires a large number of available resources. Officials say the Philadelphia 2016 Host Committee Vendor Directory itself will have life after the event, getting disseminated to Philadelphia’s Convention & Visitors Bureau, Mayor’s office and other sites.

**To apply**

Interested businesses are encouraged to visit their website **www.phldnc.com** and hit the ‘**vendor**’ tab at the right top of the page, to complete the simple application online and be included in the vendor directory. *There is no cost to register.* The DNC organizers encourage all vendors, including those owned and/or operated by women, minorities, veterans, and members of the disabled and LGBT communities to register for contract consideration.

**Some of the goods/services** sought include: audio/sound systems, campaign management, computer services, catering, database & file management, education and training, event rentals, field operations and grassroots organizing, florists, general consulting, government relations, graphic artists and design, issue management, law/legal services, marketing, media consulting/advertising & strategy, media placement/buying and production, musicians, photography/ videography, polling, printing, rentals, research (general) security, social/new media, software, transportation, website and internet, and voter registration. Even if you do not fall into a specific category – such as builders or contractors or architects - there is space (250 words) to describe your product or service. Partnerships are also “100-percent recommended.”

Once registered, you will be contacted when Request for Proposals are available. Questions may be directed to **contact@phldnc.com**.

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