



## **FOOD SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITORS**

### **For the Safety of our Guests**

The DECC is the exclusive supplier of food and beverages to all guests of the facility.

The DECC is a licensed food service operator by the Minnesota Department of Health. All other exhibitors and show producers need to obtain a valid special event license for sample foods in the DECC facility or DECC property.

### **Guidelines for Exhibitors**

- The Duluth Liquor Code dictates that no exhibitor may distribute or offer a sample size of an alcoholic beverage to its customers.
- Exhibitors may sell pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages to be consumed at home. Exhibitors may not sell food and beverage for on-site consumption.
- Exhibitors may not bring in their own food or beverage for the purpose of attracting customers to their booth. They may purchase, in advance, items for give-away from the DECC Food Service Department.
  - Examples include but are not limited to: popcorn, pastries, coffee, salsa, etc.

### **Exceptions to Guidelines**

- Candy jars are acceptable.
- Exhibitors may distribute food or non alcoholic beverage **samples** to their customers if that exhibitor is specifically exhibiting those food and beverage items that pertain to their business.
  - Example: an ice cream company may distribute sample size ice cream serving to demonstrate their product.
  - This exemption does not apply to any alcoholic beverage.
- An exhibitor who is not able to leave his/her booth unattended to take a meal break may discreetly furnish his/her own “brown bag” lunch or refreshments.

*Not following the guidelines listed above will result in removal of unlicensed food and beverage products.*

If there are any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact the Event Planning Department at 218.722.5573.

Revised 11/15 (Exhibitors)