



prospective vendor FAQs

Prospective vendors should review the BPM's Vendor Operating Standards for further details.

Application Questions

What are the selection criteria and how are they weighted?

Please review our About Being a Vendor page for an outline of our selection criteria. No one criterion in our selection process is more heavily weighted than the other. We consider established local businesses, start-ups, and everything in between.

How is our location within the market decided?

Available stalls are leased based on the best fit. Considerations include infrastructural needs, size, and neighboring vendors.

What if we are a new business?

All vendors who submit an application will be considered for a space, depending on availability. If you make it to the next stage, we will work with you through the process. Please be aware that businesses applying to be permanent vendors in the Market should be prepared to be open seven days a week, year-round, for full market operating hours. The Boston Public Market has been the first brick and mortar for several businesses and yours could be next!

Is there a limit to the number of vendors in each product category?

We have a market mix with specific goals regarding the number of vendors in each category.

Leasing and Design Questions

How long are lease terms?

Leases can run anywhere from one to five years.

Will we be allowed to design our own spaces?

All selected vendors will receive a copy of our Tenant Guidelines and Standards to help inform their booth's build out/design and maintain overall market standards, while keeping each individual vendor's unique look and feel. We will work with vendors and their construction/design team throughout the process.

Will vendors be working with BPMA's contractors or their own contractor for booth buildouts?

Vendors may choose their own contractors. All contractors must be licensed and bonded. Contractors are responsible for securing all necessary permits, and BPMA will monitor the entire build-out process closely. Additional information on the buildout process is available upon request.

Do stalls have security gates?

The booths do not have security gates. Vendors may choose to build storage units in their booths and select locking refrigerators and/or freezers.

Does the market have any shared storage or refrigeration?

Each vendor must plan their own storage within their leased stall space.

Does the market operate as a 30,000 sq. ft. entity or as a series of smaller businesses from a permitting perspective?

All vendors will work directly with Boston's Inspectional Services department to ensure health code compliance and all other necessary permitting.

Operations Questions

Will our merchandise be safe after the market closes? Does the building have security?

The market hall is locked after the market closes. We have security and an electronic security system.

Is it mandatory that stalls are open when the market is open? When does that allow for a vendor's stall renovation?

We require all vendors to operate for full market hours. Maintenance is typically conducted in off-hours, but we will work with you to accommodate your needs with repairs and renovations.

Is the market air-conditioned and heated?

Yes.

What are the delivery limitations and hours for loading dock access?

The loading dock is open from 2 hours before the Market open hours to 3pm, each day. Vendors and delivery drivers are permitted 20 minutes to load/unload. Applicants should consider the amount of dry and cold storage needed in their stalls to reduce the number of deliveries needed.

Are there parking spaces for vendors?

Parking within the building is for customers only — not for vendors. We can share a list of garages in the area upon request.

Is there Wi-Fi?

Yes, there is a secure internal Wi-Fi system that is not publicly accessible.