

HMSHost plans F&B enhancements at Albany International Airport

Global restaurateur HMSHost, along with its Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) program partners, has been awarded a contract to continue operating food and beverage options at Albany International Airport, NY through 2029.

As part of the contract, valued at approximately US\$80 million, HMSHost's existing locations will undergo renovations, including a newly themed craft beer restaurant and bar.

Enhancements will begin this year, with all renovations expected to be complete by end of 2020.

"HMSHost is honored to continue our partnership with the Albany County Airport Authority to serve the capital region travelers with an assortment of dining offerings for their travel journey," said HMSHost Vice President of Business Development Amy Dunne.

"With the new Hudson Valley Beer Union, we'll be showcasing the region's growing craft beer scene with some of the area's best beer for locals and world visitors alike to enjoy."

As part of the enhancements, HMSHost's new Hudson Valley Beer Union will open for Concourse B travelers, featuring locally crafted beers and an elevated pub menu reflecting the region.

Among the other revamps travelers can expect to arrive by end of 2020 include renovations and refreshed menus to the following: The Local @ ALB in Concourse C; Silks Saratoga Bistro in the Main Terminal Food Court; and

Albany Adirondack Lodge in Concourse A.

HMSHost will also open a new Burger King in the Food Court later this summer, in partnership with ACDBE program partner Carl Andrews, President/CEO of C&E Global Solutions LLC.

Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Chairman, Albany County Airport Authority, said: "HMSHost has shown a commitment to elevate the passenger experience at Albany International Airport with the addition of new venues such as the Hudson Valley Beer Union, along with new menus for existing locations such as Silks and The Local @ ALB.

"In addition, we look forward to the addition of Burger King, which will further expand our travelers fast-food options."

HMSHost will continue to operate the Starbucks store in the Main Terminal Food Court.

Its ACDBE program partner Parvez Sharifipour will continue operating the pre-security Dunkin' Donuts.