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Northeast USDA Regional Food Business Center to host third webinar on funding opportunities

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ARLINGTON, VA — The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Foundation announced that it will host a webinar Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 2-3 p.m. ET to inform and receive feedback from the public and relevant stakeholders on project updates for the <u>Northeast USDA Regional Food Business Center</u>. The webinar will be led in partnership with NASDA Foundation, Center for Regional Economic Advancement at Cornell University, Buffalo Go Green and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

<u>Registration</u> will remain open until the event. A confirmation of event registration along with additional details on the agenda and speaker line-up are sent upon registering. A recording of the webinar will be made available following the event and upcoming webinars will be announced shortly.

The Northeast Regional Food Business Center is one of 12 USDA Regional Food Business Centers, established with the aim of building a more resilient, diverse and competitive food system. These centers will catalyze momentum for small- and midsized producers by: offering technical assistance to help overcome barriers to market access, acting as a resource-sharing hub for supply chain development, and targeting financial assistance toward underserved farmer, rancher and food business communities.

The agenda will include an overview of the Northeast Regional Food Business Center's project objectives, descriptions of the technical assistance provider and business builder funding opportunities and the projected timeline for when applications will open and funding will be disbursed. The webinar will also provide a space for prospective applicants and other interested stakeholders to ask questions about the two funding opportunities and the overall objectives and work of the Regional Food Business Center.

The Northeast Regional Food Business Center will target its operations in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.



If you need assistance in completing the registration or have any questions regarding the Northeast Regional Food Business Center, contact our team at <u>NortheastRFBC@nasda.org</u>.

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