

Northeast Regional Food Business Center

March 25 Webinar: Regional Needs Overview

Welcome! We will begin shortly.



Panel Session 1: Addressing the Region's Critical Food Supply Chain Vulnerabilities



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Panel Session 2: Opportunities for Regional Innovation, Economic Development & Network Coordination



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● Center Timeline

June: Webinar – Leading the Center through a BIPOC-focused lens

Early Summer: TA provider application information sessions

Mid-Summer: Launch of applications for TA providers

Mid-Summer: Launch of CREA's Community Hub

August: Webinar – Leveraging data to maximize regional impacts

November: Webinar – Complementing RFBC funding streams with external funding opportunities

End of 2024: Business builder application information sessions

End of 2024 / Beginning of 2025: Launch of applications for business builder awards

Ongoing: Roadshow, quarterly newsletter, stakeholder meetings





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