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## **LEVY RESTAURANTS NAMED EXCLUSIVE FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROVIDER FOR KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (September 9, 2015)** – Levy Restaurants has been named the exclusive food and beverage provider for the Kentucky State Fair Board to provide concessions and catering at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

The contract, awarded through competitive bidding by the Kentucky Finance & Administration Cabinet, takes effect October 2, 2015. The contract is for 10 years with two renewal options of up to five years.

Centerplate, Inc. has held the exclusive catering contract with the Fair Board since the late 1990's for both the Kentucky Exposition Center and the Kentucky International Convention Center. Centerplate will continue to provide catering for the downtown convention center, which closes for expansion in August 2016.

Levy Restaurants was founded in 1978, and is a trend setter in the premium sports and entertainment dining industry. Named the 2015 NHL Retailer of the Year and one of the 10 most innovative companies in sports by Fast Company magazine, Levy's has provided dining, catering and concession services to a diverse array of venues and events including the Kentucky Derby, Grammy Awards, PGA Championship, US Open Tennis Tournament, NHL, MLB, and NBA All-Star games.

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### **ABOUT THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD**

The Kentucky State Fair Board includes gubernatorial appointments, members of university administrations, representatives of associations, and leaders from around the state. The Board operates two properties, the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky International Convention Center. The Kentucky State Fair Board accounts for more than \$482 million annually in economic impact for the community and Commonwealth. The Kentucky State Fair Board is an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.