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Hampton issues Request For Proposals, seeks craft brewery, distillery or live entertainment venue

November 17, 2015 – The City of Hampton is looking for an experienced operator who can transform the Hampton Armory - a distinctive, two-story brick structure that was built in 1936 - into a craft brewery, distillery or live entertainment venue.

Located at 504 North King Street next to the historic Pasture Point neighborhood, the 14,000 square-foot Armory is within walking distance of the downtown's unique restaurants and shopping establishments, City Hall, and the courthouse now under construction at King Street and Pembroke Avenue.

Just minutes from interstates 64 and 664, the Armory is also near a 14-acre mixed-use redevelopment site and the Hampton Roads Transit Transportation Center.

“The Armory building is the perfect building for a brewery and will complement a lot of the activities that are going on in Downtown Hampton. We had our first Firkin Festival this year and it was a great success” said Jimmy Cerracchio, Executive Director of the Downtown Hampton Development Partnership. “Other events such as the Saturday block parties, art and music festivals, and food truck rodeos all add to the fun and excitement happening in downtown”.

“We think the Armory is the perfect spot for a creative entrepreneur who can see the beauty of that building and play an important role in the future of Hampton,” said Leonard Sledge, Director of Hampton Economic Development.

Reuse of the Armory is in keeping with the Downtown Hampton Master Plan – which calls for creating a vibrant downtown through improved street networks, green space, housing and new “destinations” in Hampton. The building's ceiling height, open space, wood floors, and large windows make it well suited for reuse in the manner called for in the Request for Proposals.

Go online to <http://www.hampton.gov/Index.aspx?NID=257> for more details about the Armory and download the city's “Request for Proposals” at <http://www.hampton.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=350>. All proposals must be submitted by Jan. 22, 2016.

If you have questions about the request, contact Hampton's Consolidated Procurement Office on the 3rd floor of 1 Franklin St., or call 757-727-2200.

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