

Annual Report FY2022

Introduction

Like so many cities throughout the world, COVID-19 had a significant impact on New York City over the past two years, and the Javits Center played a critical role in its response and recovery. First as a field hospital, then as a vaccination center – the largest of its kind in the United States – the Javits Center and its employees served as a beacon of hope for so many New Yorkers, distributing more than 646,000 vaccines in less than six months in 2021. With support from hundreds of New York National Guard members and state Department of Health employees, the Javits Center created a safe and comfortable environment where New Yorkers of all ages and backgrounds were welcome to receive their life-saving vaccines and help our city and state move forward beyond this unimaginable crisis.

Following the closing of the vaccination center, our employees worked closely with clients and business partners to host events again as our historic expansion project came to a close in 2021. For the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2022, the Javits Center hosted 62 large-scale events, with strong demand fueled by more than 1 million square feet of new state-of-the-art space. Our sales team continues to provide tours to industry leaders and newcomers, showcasing the possibilities of the dynamic spaces – from the largest special event space in the Northeast to a massive outdoor terrace overlooking the Hudson River.

New York State now has one of the highest vaccination rates in the nation, and with industry confidence building across all audiences, our event calendar through the end of 2022 is booking up quickly. Meeting in person has never been more valued by so many, and we're thrilled to welcome customers and colleagues back to our convention center on Manhattan's West Side. Face-to-face business is one of the keys to jumpstarting our local and national economies, creating new jobs and sharing important ideas that can create a safer, stronger world for all of us.

COVID-19 Response

Over the past two years, the Javits Center transformed its operations to assist in the unprecedented fight against COVID-19, playing a vital role in the treatment and vaccination of hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers of all ages and backgrounds. The Javits Center served the community as a field hospital from March 2020 to March 2021, providing the opportunity for medical professionals to care for more than 1,000 patients transported from local hospitals. In January 2021, the largest vaccination center in the country was constructed at the Javits Center, where more than 646,000 COVID-19 vaccines were distributed to New Yorkers.

In conjunction with the New York State Department of Health and the New York National Guard, these historic operations have proven the importance of convention centers to the

surrounding community and reinforced the value of large venues in helping government respond to large-scale emergencies.

Expansion

On May 11, 2021, the \$1.2 million square-foot expansion of the Javits Center was completed. This design build project was completed on budget despite the challenges related to COVID-19. The expansion was led by the New York Convention Center Development Corporation (NYCCDC) working with the Javits Center's operating team to ensure that the new structure meets the existing facility's operating needs.

The expansion includes more than 200,000 square feet of new meeting room and pre-function space, existing meeting room space, a new exhibition space that resulted in 500,000 gross square feet of contiguous space on Level 3, the largest ballroom/event space (54,000 square feet) in the Northeast. The new exhibition and meeting spaces are equipped with the latest technology in lighting fixtures, heating and cooling systems and wireless connectivity. This expansion has enabled the Javits Center to host a wider array of meetings and events, including international business conferences. The western portion of the fourth level of the expansion includes a year-round, rooftop pavilion with views over the Hudson River, which can accommodate up to 1,500 guests, along with an outdoor entertainment space with the same capacity. The eastern portion of the fourth level includes a one-acre rooftop farm, which is producing fruits and vegetables to be utilized in catering for events held at the facility. The expansion also provides for a four-level truck marshalling facility that accommodates approximately 200 tractor trailer trucks simultaneously and 27 new loading docks, reducing truck trips, improving air quality, traffic flow and pedestrian safety. The expansion also includes a transformer building designed to power the expanded convention center and plays a role in the Center's continued focus on reducing expenses and increasing energy efficiency.

Infrastructure

With a robust capital plan, made possible by funds supplied by the building's owner, NYCCDC and an active maintenance program supported by surplus receipts from our operations, the Javits Center is consistently improving infrastructure through a series of upgrades that enhance operations, improve public safety, and create a better experience for customers, business partners, employees, and stakeholders. T

The Javits Center continued to improve its infrastructure despite the challenges related to COVID-19 and after reopening in August 2021, implementing key enhancements that will increase the overall safety of the building. The Javits Center replaced the HVAC and electrical power distribution equipment that had reached full life expectancy; installed new fire alarm and smoke control systems, now in the last phase of the permitting process; renovated the Javits Center's command center; and expanded energy, sustainability, and resiliency projects by adding new emergency and standby power generators, and stormwater retention systems.

As a leader in the State's goal toward economy-wide carbon neutrality, the construction of a solar farm began in the spring of 2022, located on the Javits Center's 6.75-acre green roof. The project is being developed by Siemens and exists as a back-to-back purchase power agreement with the New York Power Authority and the Javits Center. It will be Manhattan's largest rooftop solar farm, providing 1.7 MW of solar energy for the facility and include 3.5 MW of battery storage. The Javits Center solar farm is an important project to help meet the aggressive targets outlined in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act). Excess solar power will be stored in batteries, providing the Javits Center with off-grid, renewable energy. The battery system will be integrated into the facility's unique microgrid, with controllability in how the Javits Center draws its power. The microgrid is part of the building's resiliency program and includes three diesel generators which can provide the facility with enough power to be off grid for six consecutive days if needed. Pairing the solar battery storage system into the microgrid provides a clean energy source, and it will be the first battery storage system to participate in the Con Edison Demand Response program.

Sustainability

The Javits Center continues to enhance its robust sustainability program to improve the quality of life for our employees, visitors, and the surrounding neighborhood. The Javits Center strives to be a model of sustainable practices for the exhibition industry, buildings across New York State and the surrounding community and has achieved LEED certification.

In the spring of 2022, two new bird species were identified on the green roof by New York City Audubon, making it a total of 37 bird species observed since 2014. Along with five bat species and thousands of arthropods identified on the green roof, there are five thriving beehives, which allow staff to harvest honey each year. This summer, four additional hives will be added to the new one-acre rooftop farm.

In September 2021, the Javits Center launched its first micro growing season on the farm, which includes soil for produce, a 3,500 square foot all season greenhouse with hydroponics, seedling growing and microgreens and a 10,000 square foot orchard and perennial food forest. All the produce grown on the farm is used for meals during events held at the venue, with any excess produce donated through the JavitsCares program, a robust effort that redirects excess goods from events to local non-profit organizations.

As part of the sustainability program, the Javits Center continued to be enrolled in three demand response programs, under which consumers are paid for reducing energy during peak periods of local high demand. Utilizing the building management system, the Center monitors the energy consumption level and responds accordingly to assist local agencies managing the region's output. As a result, the Center has achieved significant savings.

Community

The primary mission of the Javits Center is to spur economic activity, but the Javits Center continues to support the community through a variety of initiatives.

The JavitsCares program facilitates the donation of various goods and materials to non-profit organizations for use in schools, churches, and theatre groups. The venue works closely with event organizers and exhibitors to identify, secure, and transport a wide range of items left behind at the conclusion of events. These items, such as furniture, household products and construction materials, are typically purchased for one-time use at the event, however, are repurposed under JavitsCares with a donation to non-profit organizations and community groups throughout New York. To date, over 10,000 items, amounting to over 132,000 lbs. of various furniture items, including tables, seating, lighting, and storage have been donated to Materials for the Arts, Hour Children, Pioneer Works, Covenant House, Housing Works, Council for the Arts and Big Reuse. The Javits Center has also helped to coordinate food rescue of over 100,000 lbs. to local organizations fighting food insecurity and food waste, including City Harvest, Rethink Food, The Bowery Mission, and New York Common Pantry.

In partnership with the Marian B. and Jacob K. Javits Foundation, the Javits Center has continued the Javits Juniors Scholarship Program, an effort designed to support the higher education of New York City high school students and encourage them to seek ways to improve their community through public service and innovative thinking. The program, in its fifth year and in coordination with the New York City Department of Education, the Fund for Public Schools and several event industry leaders, is facilitating six \$10,000 college scholarships to local high school seniors from two schools on Manhattan's West Side.

In 2022, the Javits Center launched a new Ambassador program to provide educational tours on a regular basis to community members, students, non-profit organizations and corporations interested in operations at the Javits Center. The tours, which are generally available between April and October, provide guests with an in-depth understanding of the building's history, its robust event calendar and its remarkable sustainability story. Tours can be booked online by visiting our website at www.javitscenter.com.

Conclusion

The Javits Center is much more than a convention center. During the greatest public health crisis of our generation, we served as a sign of hope for millions of New Yorkers. And in the months and years ahead, we will play a pivotal role in the region's economic recovery – by hosting blockbuster events that support our hotel, restaurant, transportation and tourism industries. From security enhancements to sustainable upgrades, we have continued to make critical improvements to our campus that will enhance our operations, reduce our burden on the community and entice new customers to consider us as a destination for their next event. As development continues throughout the West Side neighborhood, it's an exciting time to visit the Javits Center, to explore the new spaces and to be a part of New York's recovery.