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Input Needed: September Hospitality Conditions Survey

HOSPITALITY CONDITIONS SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2026

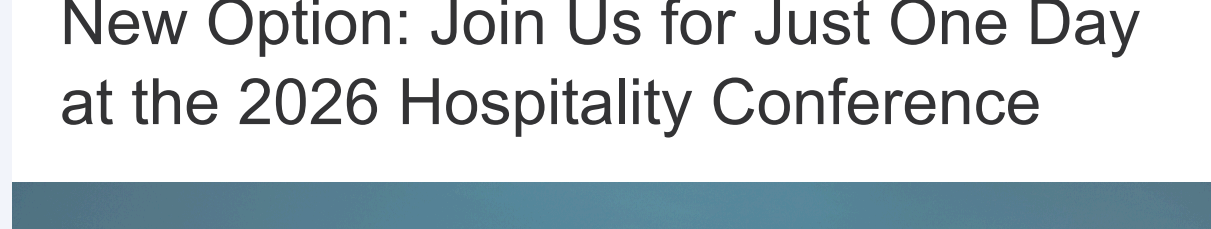
Share Your Perspective: Hospitality Minnesota is once again partnering with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for this month's [Hospitality Conditions Survey](#).

- **Why it matters:** Your input informs our advocacy efforts and explain our industry's reality to key stakeholders.

Survey responses thus far have made real impact. The results of the last survey ([see the Spring 2026 key takeaways here](#)), earned us critical media placements and helped inform several of our key legislative priorities to secure long-term solutions for the industry.

- **Go deeper:** Read the Federal Reserve's review of the Spring 2026 Survey results [here](#).

[Take the Survey!](#)



New Option: Join Us for Just One Day at the 2026 Hospitality Conference

2026 HOSPITALITY CONFERENCE

SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION NOW LIVE

Can't make all three days? Now you can get a taste of the [2026 Hospitality Conference](#) with a new [1-Day Monday registration option — \\$299 for members / \\$399 for nonmembers](#).

Join us Monday, September 28 for a full day of practical workforce, marketing, and leadership strategies you can put to work right away, plus valuable opportunities to connect with hospitality professionals from across Minnesota.

Your registration includes:

- A full day of sessions focused on workforce, marketing, and leadership strategy
- Breakfast, lunch, and refreshments during breaks
- An evening dinner reception on the rooftop at Brit's Pub

Go deeper: [Click here](#) to see the working agenda and find out what's on tap for Monday.

- **Yes, and:** Seats for the conference are filling up fast — [register today](#) to lock in your spot.

[Register Now!](#)

Nominate Your Trailblazers for Stars of the Industry Awards

STARS OF THE INDUSTRY

STARS OF THE INDUSTRY NOMINATION FORM

NOW OPEN

NOMINATE HOSPITALITY TRAILBLAZERS TODAY

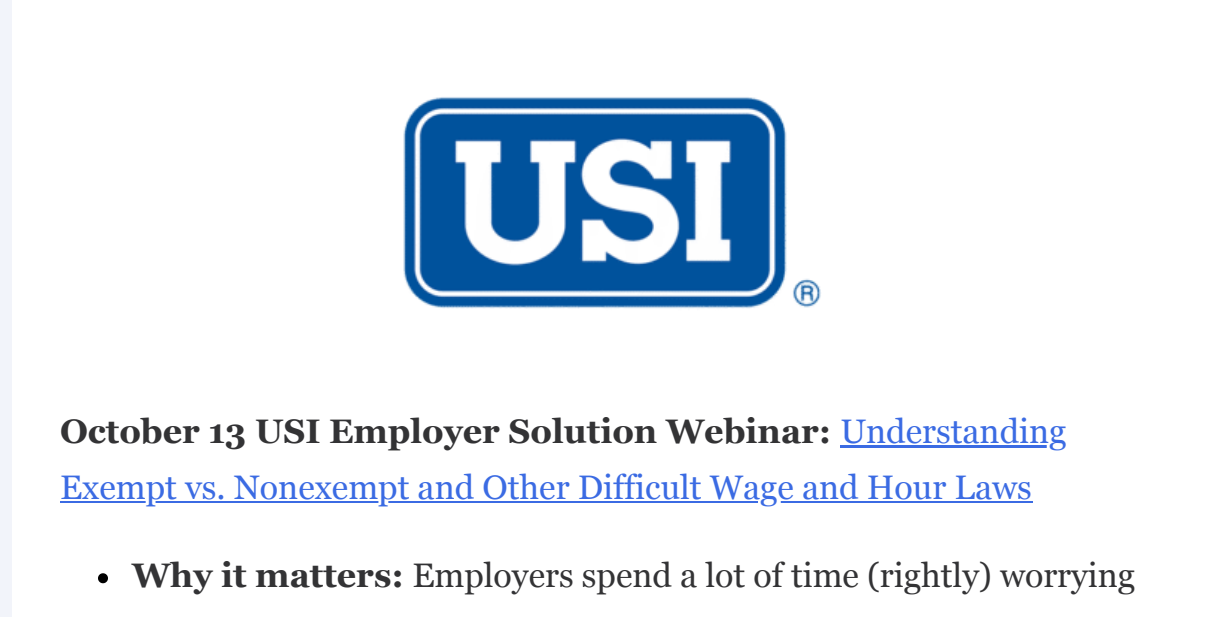
Call for Stars of the Industry Nominations: Help us celebrate the extraordinary talent across Minnesota hospitality by putting your most deserving team members forward for the Stars of the Industry Awards. **The deadline to nominate is October 22, 2026.**

About the program: The Stars of the Industry Awards honor the remarkable people and operating teams shaping our state's restaurants, hotels, resorts, campgrounds, and supplier partnerships.

- **About the categories:** This year, we're accepting nominations for 11 different awards. [Read the description and eligibility requirements for each category here](#).

[Submit Your Nominations!](#)

National Food Service Worker Day - September 25



An asset of our industry: On September 25 and beyond, Hospitality Minnesota recognizes the hardworking people in Minnesota who help keep restaurants, cafeterias, schools, hospitals, hotels and other food service operations running every day.

- **Why it matters:** Food service workers play an important role in our communities and Minnesota's economy. One way to support this workforce is to understand and elevate workplace rights and responsibilities in the food service industry.

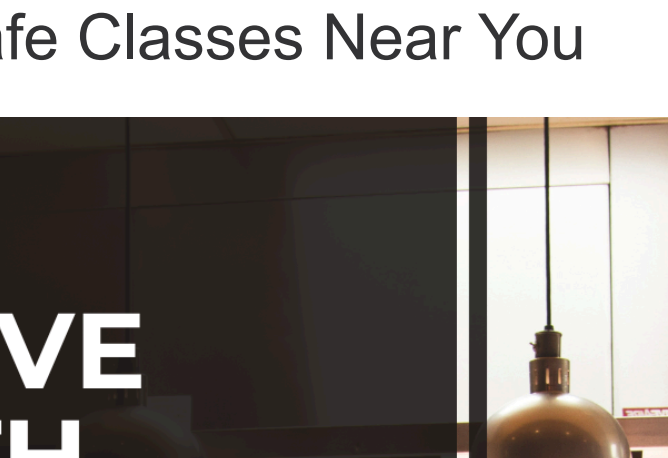
Go deeper: Learn more about workplace rights and responsibilities for those in the restaurant and food service industry at [dli.mn.gov/restaurants](#).

October Webinars - USI Insurance and Switch



October 13 USI Employer Solution Webinar: [Understanding Exempt vs. Nonexempt and Other Difficult Wage and Hour Laws](#)

- **Why it matters:** Employers spend a lot of time (rightly) worrying about harassment and discrimination in the workplace, but not enough time making sure their wage and hour practices are in good shape.



October 14 Switch EV Charging Webinar: [Add EV Charging at Your Hotel with Xcel Energy's New Rebate](#)

- **Why it matters:** Xcel Energy is launching the Commercial EV Infrastructure Rebate and Advisory Program in Minnesota this fall. Join [Switch](#) as they break down how the rebate works. We'll guide you through the application requirements, eligibility criteria, and the specific rebate amounts available for your property.

[Check Out Our Events!](#)

Navigating Health Insurance: Streamlined Options for Your Team

Find Your Health Insurance

health markets Hospitality-Health

Let's talk health insurance: It's the season of open enrollment, and securing reliable health coverage doesn't have to be complicated. Through [our partnership with HealthMarkets](#), Hospitality Minnesota members and their teams have direct access to flexible healthcare solutions.

[Learn More!](#)

ServSafe Classes Near You

SERVE WITH CERTAINTY:

MINNESOTA SERVSAFE CERTIFICATION CLASSES NOW AVAILABLE

Hospitality Minnesota ServSafe

Did you know: Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment. [Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Bloomington - October 6](#)
- [Fridley - October 6](#)
- [Duluth - October 7](#)
- [Winona - October 7](#)
- [Minneapolis - October 8](#)

[Find a Class Near You!](#)

In the News

- [City of 10,000 Flavors Seeking Home Cooks for Inaugural Culinary Competition](#) | Hospitality Minnesota
- [New York Times names St. Paul restaurant one of the nation's best](#) | Bring Me The News
- [Gordon Ramsay spotted at another Minnesota restaurant, potentially filming again](#) | Bring Me The News
- [Little Boy Resort and Campground on market for \\$5.1M](#) | Minneapolis / St. Paul Business Journal

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