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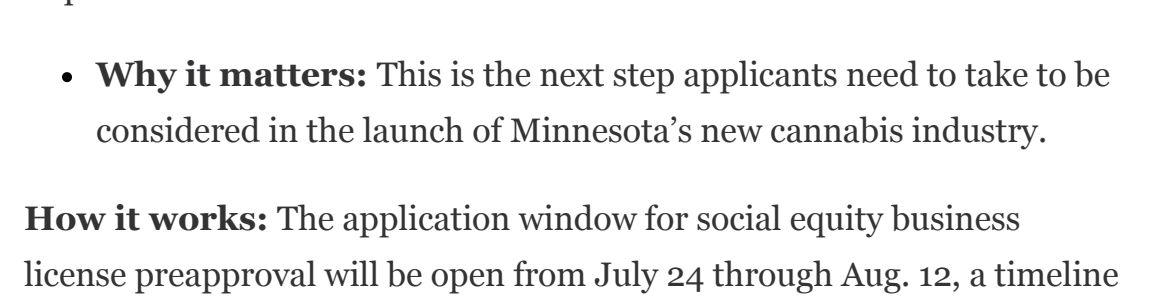
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Applications for Cannabis Social Equity Business License Open July 24



The **Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)** will open the cannabis business license preapproval window on July 24 for applicants who have been verified that they meet social equity eligibility requirements.

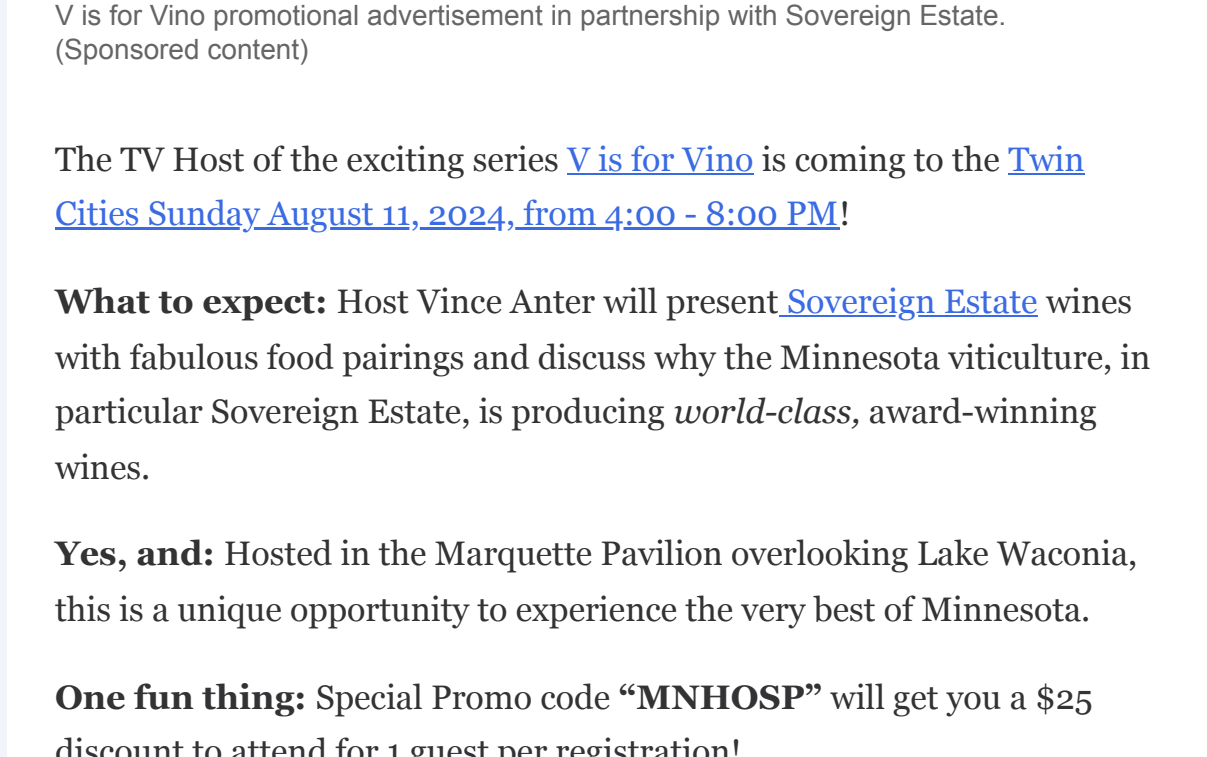
- **Why it matters:** This is the next step applicants need to take to be considered in the launch of Minnesota's new cannabis industry.

How it works: The application window for social equity business license preapproval will be open from July 24 through Aug. 12, a timeline defined in state statute. Business license applications and all required documentation are submitted through OCM's website.

What's next: Submitted business license applications will go through a review and vetting process, and if qualified, be entered into a lottery, which will award licenses in nine different categories. The first license lottery will be held this fall.

- **Go deeper:** Applicants for business license preapproval can go to [OCM's website](#) for informational and technical resource materials.

Coming to Sovereign Estate: V is for Vino Wine Dinner!



V is for Vino promotional advertisement in partnership with Sovereign Estate. (Sponsored content)

The TV Host of the exciting series [V is for Vino](#) is coming to the [Twin Cities Sunday August 11, 2024, from 4:00 - 8:00 PM!](#)

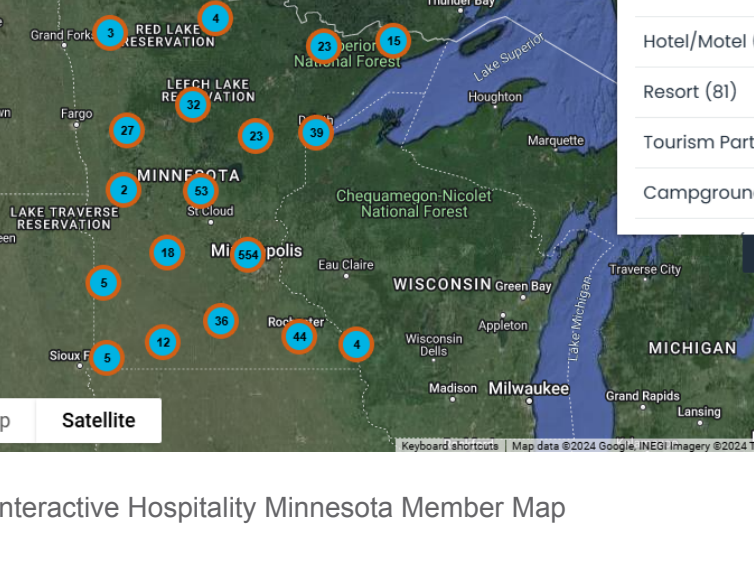
What to expect: Host Vince Anter will present [Sovereign Estate](#) wines with fabulous food pairings and discuss why the Minnesota viticulture, in particular Sovereign Estate, is producing *world-class*, award-winning wines.

Yes, and: Hosted in the Marquette Pavilion overlooking Lake Waconia, this is a unique opportunity to experience the very best of Minnesota.

One fun thing: Special Promo code "MNHOSP" will get you a \$25 discount to attend for 1 guest per registration!

[Register Here!](#)

Tomorrow: AHLA Webinar on Final Independent Contractors and Worker Rules



The **American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA)** is hosting a webinar on Tuesday, July 16 at 2:00 pm CT.

- **Why it matters:** AHLA Allied+ member [Littler Mendelson](#) will discuss the Independent Contractor and Worker Walkaround final rules and their impact on the hotel industry. Both rules are currently in effect.

Some background: Earlier this year, the Department of Labor (DOL) finalized its [Independent Contractor](#) rule, which changes the way workers are classified as independent contractors or employees.

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Check Out the Hospitality Minnesota Member Map

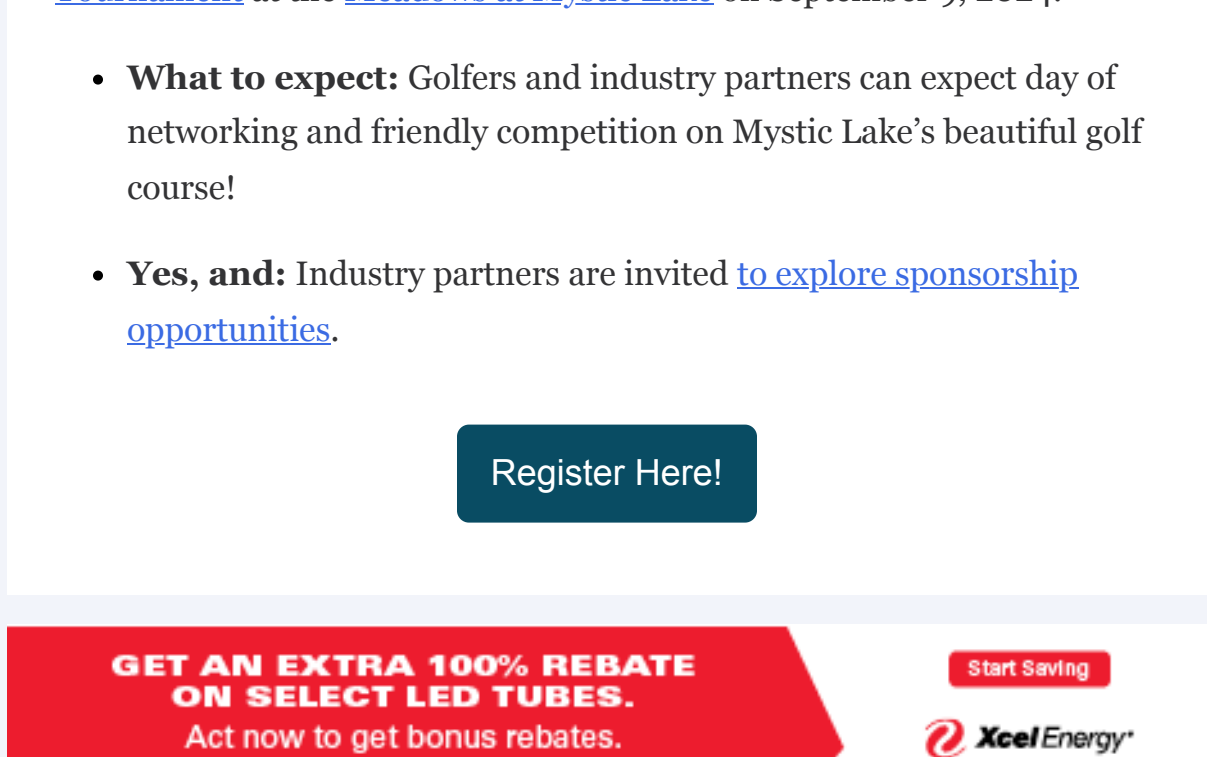


Image of the interactive Hospitality Minnesota Member Map

Did you know Hospitality Minnesota has an interactive member map featuring all association members? [Click here](#) to find your business's marker!

- **Why it matters:** Our map can be used by anyone interested in dining at or staying with a hospitality business like yours—a business that cares about the state of the industry and is dedicated to providing the best service to its patrons.

The bottom line: We created this map to best serve our members through providing hospitality industry supporters with a one-stop shop for the best hospitality businesses in the state.

- **Go deeper:** Contact Tony with any questions about the map.

[Check Out The Map!](#)

There's Still Time to Register for Our Golf Tournament



Join us! Registration remains open for [Hospitality Minnesota's Golf Tournament](#) at the [Meadows at Mystic Lake](#) on September 9, 2024.

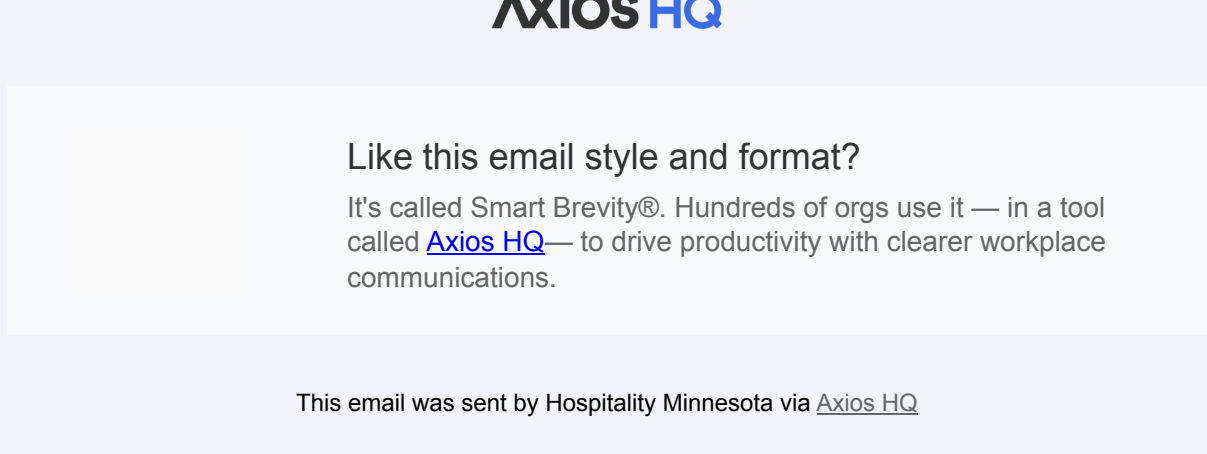
- **What to expect:** Golfers and industry partners can expect day of networking and friendly competition on Mystic Lake's beautiful golf course!
- **Yes, and:** Industry partners are invited to [explore sponsorship opportunities](#).

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ServSafe™ Classes Return in August



Register today for a ServSafe™ Class: Operators — ensure food safety remains at the forefront of your operations. You can find upcoming ServSafe™ classes on our [Event Calendar](#) or by clicking the links below.

Why it matters: Except for satellite or catered feeding sites, all food enterprises in Minnesota are *required* to have at least one full-time employee who has completed a Food Manager Certification program like ServSafe™.

- **White Bear Lake:** [August 5 - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM](#)
- **St. Louis Park:** [August 6 - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM](#)
- **Rochester:** [August 12 - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM](#)
- **Mankato:** [August 13 - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM](#)
- **Baxter:** [August 19 - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM](#)

In the News

- [Tensions rise over proposed Minneapolis Labor Standards Board](#) | Star Tribune
- [Minneapolis sets hotel revenue record in June](#) | Fox 9

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