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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Mayor Bloomberg, Speaker Quinn Announce More Than 500 Restaurants Have Gone Through NBAT Program That Speeds Up Job Creation**

On January 3, 2012, Mayor Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Quinn announced that 546 restaurants have opened using the services of the New Business Acceleration Team (NBAT). "Helping new restaurants open faster is good for the entire city - because the sooner they open, the sooner they can create jobs," said Mayor Bloomberg. "That's exactly why we partnered with the City Council to

create the New Business Acceleration Team. By streamlining the process and making it easier to work with City government, we're encouraging businesses to open, create jobs and generate additional economic activity in all five boroughs."

NBAT has made a difference for New York City's restaurant industry across each of five boroughs, with more than half of the 546 restaurants assisted located outside Manhattan. Together, these 546 new restaurants have created 6,012 new jobs for New Yorkers, including immigrants and those who are just starting up the economic ladder. By helping businesses, on average, open their doors 72 days sooner, NBAT's accelerated openings have also generated \$9 million in additional tax revenue and \$50 million in additional sales revenue. Under the NBAT program, every application for a new restaurant is assigned a client manager who guides the restaurant owner through the entire process. The client manager is on hand to make sure every restaurant owner navigates the permitting process as efficiently as possible. [Read the full press release](http://www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2012a/pr003-12.html) and view more photos at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2012a/pr003-12.html>

NBAT UPDATES**Department of Buildings Inspections are now available at NBAT**

NBAT is now offering certain types of Department of Buildings construction inspections. Establishments can now receive construction inspections including certificate of occupancy and place of assembly inspections directly through NBAT. Clients can schedule one of these inspections online at http://www.nyc.gov/html/nbat/html/clients/construction_inspection_request.shtml, by calling their client manager, or by calling NBAT at (212)

788-6722.

New Procedure for filing plans for new or modified cooking equipment fire suppression systems

Starting February 13, 2012, any plan for a new cooking equipment fire suppression system that is required to be filed at the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) in order to obtain a permit for installation should be submitted to the DOB borough office at the time of initial filing. The DOB will accept payment on behalf of the NYC Fire Department at the same time as the plans are submitted to the DOB. Once the applicant receives a DOB cooking equipment number, the applicant must bring the plans to the office of the NYC New Business Acceleration Team (NBAT) at:

100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

[Learn more](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/downloads/pdf/NBAT_Fire_Suppression_Fee_Collection_01-30-12.pdf) at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/downloads/pdf/NBAT_Fire_Suppression_Fee_Collection_01-30-12.pdf

SURVEY FOR RETAIL BUSINESS OWNERS

Do you own a retail business in New York City? Do you operate a storefront service business, such as a dry cleaner, barber shop, or salon?

Please fill out the NYC Retail Survey to tell NYC how it can make it easier to open a retail business.

[Take the survey today!](http://www.nyc.gov/retailsurvey) at <http://www.nyc.gov/retailsurvey>

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Highlighted by Mayor Bloomberg and Speaker Quinn as NBAT's 500th restaurant at the recent press conference (see above), **Taco's Tulcingo** is located on 40-12 83rd Street in Jackson Heights, Queens. Owner Modesto Ramirez is operating this 65-seat Mexican-Latino restaurant. Mr. Ramirez, a married father of three adult children, immigrated to the United States 25 years ago from Mexico and previously worked as a bus boy at several restaurants. Taco's Tulcingo will dedicate one night a week to serve Spanish food in honor of the Spanish/Galician restaurant that closed after serving the neighborhood for decades. The restaurant began working with NBAT in May 2011 and was able to complete its plan review in five days. NBAT also assisted with range hood and health inspections and the facilitation of Con Ed service.

COMPLIANCE CORNER

Grease Interceptors

To maintain the City's sewage system and prevent back-ups, New York City's Department of Environmental Protection requires the installation of grease interceptors in all food service establishments. To separate grease, fat, and oils from wastewater, the interceptors must be properly sized, correctly installed, and maintained regularly. For additional information concerning the proper sizing of grease interceptors, visit: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/businesses/proper_sizing.shtml. NBAT inspectors can conduct an inspection to help business owners comply with requirements and avoid potential enforcement issues.

SAVE THE DATE

- **The International Restaurant & Foodservice Show of New York**
New York State Restaurant Association
March 4-6, 2012, Javits Convention Center
The only event in New York exclusively serving the restaurant and foodservice industry. This is a must-attend event for anyone involved in the restaurant, foodservice, or hospitality industry. For more information and to register, visit: <http://internationalrestaurantny.com/en/Home/>
- **Restaurant Management Bootcamp**
NYC Business Solutions
Tuesday, March 13, 2:00PM-4:00PM, 110 William Street, 4th Fl., Lower Manhattan
Thursday, March 15, 2:00PM-3:30PM, 168-25 Jamaica Avenue, 2nd Fl., Queens
Learn the laws and regulations of running a restaurant in NYC! To run a successful restaurant you must know how to manage your employees and expenses, as well as which licenses you may need. This course will help you understand all of the basic requirements to get your business up and running. For more information and to register:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/nycbiz/html/summary/course_catalog.shtml#rmb
- **Send us your event for our next issue! Email** nbat@nbat.nyc.gov

WHAT'S TRENDING

- 4 in 10 adult consumers use social media platforms to learn more about restaurants. (Packaged Facts, *Social Media and Technology in US Foodservice*, March 2011)
- 71% of adults say they try to eat healthier now at restaurants than they did two years ago. (National Restaurant Association, *2011 Restaurant Industry Pocket Factbook*)
- 69% of adults said they are more likely to visit a restaurant that offers locally-produced food items. (National Restaurant Association, *2011 Restaurant Industry Pocket Factbook*)

IN THE NEWS

NBAT helps open 4 of *Sam Sifton's Top 10 New Restaurants of 2011* (# 1, 5, 8, and 9)
http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/28/dining/sam-siftons-top-10-new-restaurants-of-2011.html?_r=1&src=tp&smid=fb-share

Officials Credit New Business Acceleration Team with Creating Over 6,000 Jobs
Read the article: http://www.ny1.com/content/news_beats/political_news/153546/officials-credit-new-business-acceleration-team-with-creating-over-6-000-jobs

New city permit process gave Elmhurst restaurant early start
http://www.timesledger.com/stories/2012/1/bloomyrestaurant_jh_2012_01_05_q.html

Mayor Bloomberg Lauds Speedier Restaurant Opening Process
<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/01/04/mayor-bloomberg-lauds-speedier-restaurant-opening-process/>

Now, opening a restaurant is as easy as NBAT
http://www.crainsnewyork.com/article/20120103/HOSPITALITY_TOURISM/120109990

CONTACT US

- For inquiries concerning restaurant and retail locations: (212) 788-6722
(Note: Pre-Operational Health Inspection information is unavailable on this number)
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