

# NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR 1964-1965

## STATES AREA STATUS

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### Arkansas

A 40,000 square-foot plot has been reserved adjacent to the New York City Building. The site has been inspected by an architect. Governor Faubus has appointed a Five-member Commission with Mr. J. Wythe Walker as chairman.

### California

The State Legislature passed a bill in April, 1962 appropriating \$30,000 for a study of theme and concept for an exhibit. Vandenburg Linkletter, Associates has been retained to make study. A World's Fair Advisory Committee will be appointed.

### Delaware

Governor Elbert N. Carvel visited the Fairgrounds with his twenty-five member World's Fair Committee in January. A 37,755 square-foot site was selected between the New Jersey and New York State exhibits. A planetarium has been proposed which can be returned to the State after the Fair as part of the university facilities.

### Florida

The State has selected a 112,000 square-foot site on Meadow Lake for its exhibit pavilion. A coordinators office has been set up in the Development Commission. The Governor is expected to appoint a World's Fair Commission shortly. A preliminary report outlining the theme of the proposed exhibit has been distributed throughout the state. Preliminary design is underway. Construction is scheduled to start early in 1963, assuring completion in early 1964.

### Georgia

The Georgia exhibit is being developed by the State Department of Commerce, Jack J. Minter, Director. Funds for design have been allocated and an architect, Wilfred Gregson of Gregson & Associates, of Atlanta, Georgia, has been selected.

### Hawaii

Governor William F. Quinn appointed an advisory committee to develop plans for the 109,000 square-foot site along Meadow Lake reserved for the State of Hawaii. This committee retained Ivel Construction Corporation for exhibit analysis and preparation of a proposal for Hawaii's exhibit. Reino Aarnio, architect, was retained to develop the architectural concept. The proposed exhibit includes several exhibit buildings, a Five Volcanos Restaurant, a native village, and an outdoor theatre. The legislature authorized issuance of \$2,328,000 in general obligation bonds for exhibit in April. Members of the 16 member commission under the chairmanship of Lt. Gov. Kealoha will be appointed shortly.

Heartland  
States

Four states of the Missouri Basin will develop a joint exhibit; North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. Other nearby states are considering joining the group pavilion. Official commissioners have been appointed by each of the four states, W. L. Shomaker of Nebraska is chairman of the Commission. A theme committee has been appointed and is developing the concept and cost estimates. Ivel Construction Corporation has been retained to prepare a preliminary report. The exhibit will feature a film with a new type of projection system.

Illinois

The Executive Director of the Board of Economic Development of the State of Illinois, Victor de Grazia, visited the Fair in January. Gov. Kerner has tentatively selected a 55, 540 square-foot site adjacent to the parade entrance. The governor is expected to name Commission in the near future.

Louisiana

Governor Jimmie Davis appointed a Louisiana World's Fair Commission in February of 1962 with James Reilly, chairman. A 44, 699 square-foot site adjacent to the bridge leading to the Lake Area has been reserved for the state's exhibit.

Maryland

The Advisory Committee appointed by Governor Millard Tawes, with Elmer Nolte of Baltimore as chairman, visited the Fair in February. The legislature has appropriated the first \$450, 000 for an exhibit on a 35, 951 square-foot plot between the Fair's main entrance and the site of the Federal Exhibit. Ivel Construction Corp. has been retained to prepare a preliminary report.

Michigan

State representatives have visited the Fair and indicated intention to participate. Fair officials have attended several meetings of interested groups and have appeared before committees of both houses of the legislature. A 25, 000 square-foot site has been reserved. A bill authorizing the appropriation of \$150, 000 for preliminary planning for the exhibit has been submitted to the Legislature.

Minnesota

The State, a former member of the Heartlands group, has decided to participate separately. Fair officials have appeared before citizens groups. An interim planning committee has been formed with Robert N. Fischer, chairman.

Missouri

Fair officials appeared before a meeting of the State Commission of Commerce and Industrial Development in February. The Commission recommended to the Governor that the State of Missouri participate in the Fair and that he appoint a special New York World's Fair Commission. On April 11, 1962 Governor Dalton named a six-member World's Fair Committee to make preliminary plans.

General Lief J. Sverdrup was named chairman of the Committee. The Commission visited Fairgrounds on May 18, 1962 and signed lease for 50,000 square-foot site.

New England States

An official New England States World's Fair Commission consisting of members from each of the six participating states was appointed in the Fall of 1961. Peter J. Cloherty of Massachusetts was elected chairman. Preliminary proposals have been developed for the 81,518 square-foot site. Exhibition Services International has been selected to develop exhibit.

New Jersey

The formal agreement to participate was signed by Governor Robert Meyner in January, 1962. The New Jersey Tercentenary Commission is in charge of the State's World's Fair Exhibit. The winner of their architectural competition, Philip Sheridan Collins of Princeton, was announced on February 15, 1962. The proposed exhibit design includes twenty-one small pavilions (one for each county) a central theatre, and four interior gardens on an 87,519 square-foot area.

New York City

The New York City World's Fair Commission will construct a large-scale model of New York City with simulated helicopter ride in the existing New York City Building. Lester Associates is constructing the model. The other half of the existing building will be used for an ice extravaganza with seats for 3,000 spectators. Daniel Chait is the architect.

New York State

The New York State Commission on the World's Fair signed its lease for a 130,595 square-foot site adjacent to the Astral Fountain in February, 1962. The chairman of this Committee is Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson. Philip Johnson has been selected as architect. Thompson-Starrett is the general contractor. The Legislature appropriated \$5,000,000 for the exhibit.

Oklahoma

The State of Oklahoma has reserved a 37,000 square-foot lot near the Missouri exhibit. Preliminary planning is under way by the office of Resources and Planning.

Pennsylvania

The State has agreed to participate. A 45,000 square-foot site has been reserved and planning is under way.

Puerto Rico

The lease for 29,522 square-foot site was signed by Governor Munoz-Marin in September, 1961. The government representative in charge of planning the exhibit is Robert Bouret of San Juan. The New York liaison representative is Jesus Diaz-Hernandez. The architect, Jose Firpi of Santurce, has been appointed and is developing plans for an exhibit featuring Puerto Rican entertainment.

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West Virginia

The Commissioner of the State Department of Commerce, Hulett C. Smith, visited the Fairgrounds and selected the 34,409 square-foot site between the Illinois and Maryland sites. The legislature recently appropriated \$100,000 for preliminary planning of the exhibit. The lease for the exhibit space was signed in May. International Fair Consultants has been selected to develop exhibit.