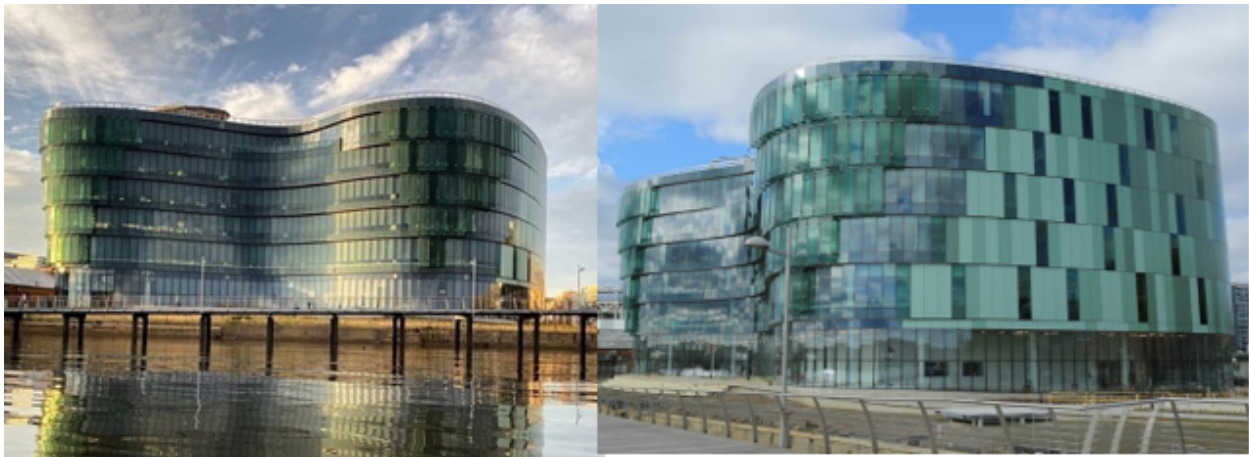


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OCTFME RECOGNIZE HQO AS THE JANUARY 2023 LOCATION OF THE MONTH



Located in Navy Yard, HQO offers five unique indoor and outdoor spaces for your event, each with a dazzling view of the Anacostia River and the DC skyline.

Washington, DC – The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) recognizes **HQO**, as the January 2023 Location of the Month.

In 2011, Mayor Muriel Bowser and OCTFME launched the Location of the Month feature to bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations that are available to film and television productions. These features showcase the wide range of unique looks and resources throughout all 8 wards.

[HQO](#) which serves both as [DC Water](#)'s administrative headquarters as well as a much sought-after special events location located on the scenic Anacostia River waterfront in the District's Ward 6. The combination of this location's multitude of facility features, iconic architecture, and breathtaking views makes it a uniquely inviting and appealing location for a variety of media productions or still photography shoots.

HQO sits atop the existing O Street Pump Station, adjacent to the historic Main Pump Station, and above massive clay sewer lines that date back more than 100 years. The recently constructed

headquarters, which opened in 2019, boldly embraces the future in sustainable design and construction. The heat from the pumping station's wastewater treatment operations helps condition the new building; a 30,000-gallon cistern captures rainwater for reuse onsite, and tinted glass sunshades reduce energy use while maximizing daylighting and the panoramic Anacostia River views.

The versatile and dynamic space that has been used often as a venue for weddings, receptions, corporate outings, and other special events, features a 7,900 square foot rooftop with spectacular views, a 2,500 square foot patio, a spacious 12,270 square foot lobby, a 4,100 square foot atrium, and a 2,975 square foot ballroom; all that can serve a backdrop for a variety of media production use that accommodate up to 200 guests.

“We are honored to be the featured location of the month by the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment,” said Lovésha Graham, event manager at HQO. ***“DC Water and HQO serves the District of Columbia and we are thrilled to share our beautiful new headquarters with the entertainment industry. Thank you for the opportunity!”***

The team at HQO Waterside Events welcomes the opportunity to share their space with the media production industry. HQO offers a beautiful view of the river and because the building is used as an office building and special events space, our staff here can work with media producers on scheduling access that is accommodating for media production's needs.

If interested in learning more about HQO as a potential location for a media production, contact the team at HQO Waterside Events at events@bluedrop.co or call 202-765-3292.

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About Location of the Month

The "Location of the Month" initiative is part of the agency's mission to market and support District locales as media production locations and bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations available to film and television productions.

If you have a suggestion for a future OCTFME "Location of the Month," we would love to hear from you. If you own or manage a business, venue, or location you would like to be featured as a "Location of the Month," or if you are a filmmaker or a fan of local filmmaking with a suggestion for a unique DC location, OCTFME could feature in the future "Location of the Month" please use this [nomination form](#) and tell us all about it.

About OCTFME

The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) produces and broadcasts programming for the District of Columbia's public, educational, and government access (PEG) cable television channels and digital radio station; regulates the District of Columbia's cable television service providers; provides customer service for cable subscribers; and supports a sustainable film, music, and entertainment creative economy and labor market in the District of Columbia.

OCTFME award-winning content provides resourceful information on government activity, education, current events, history, music, arts, and entertainment. OCTFME operates and manages the District's government television access channels: the District Council Channel (DCC), the District of Columbia Network (DCN), and the District Knowledge Network (DKN).

OCTFME owns, manages, operates, and programs the District of Columbia Entertainment Network (DCE). This 24-hour on-demand streaming network delivers diverse and inclusive – FREE – lifestyle, music, live events, sports, arts, variety shows, talk shows, educational and entertainment programming from the nation's capital into homes via ROKU, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire TV as well as iPhone and Android mobile devices by downloading the DCE Network App or at DCENetwork.com.

OCTFME also owns, operates, manages, and programs DC Radio 96.3 HD4 digital radio station, the District of Columbia's first government radio station, in partnership with Howard University's WHUR. It is one of only two full-power, city-owned, managed and programmed radio stations in the country.

OCTFME provides production support services that advance film, television, video, entertainment, interactive, multimedia, and digital media content creators. These services include permitting, location scouting, production support; job placement assistance; workforce development; and the DC Film, Television, and Entertainment Rebate Fund.

OCTFME provides additional support to the Creative community through the Creative Affairs Office (CAO), and Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates initiative. CAO showcases and preserves the District of Columbia's rich creative communities throughout all 8 Wards. CAO builds sustainability in the creative community through policy, programming, and education, further expanding the middle-class pathway for the creative workforce. CAO coordinates public, private, and community partners to accomplish all goals and create equitable and inclusive opportunities for the District's creatives. Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates initiative, administers programs that support the growth and sustainability of the creative industries throughout the District.

For more information, contact the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment at (202) 671-0066, visit us online at: entertainment.dc.gov, and follow us on Facebook.com/entertaindc, Instagram.com/entertain_dc, and Twitter.com/entertain_dc.

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