



## **2018 GREAT AMERICAN SEAFOOD COOK-OFF (GASCO)**

### **ENTRY GUIDELINES**

- GASCO will take place on Saturday, August 4, 2018 in New Orleans, LA
- This 15<sup>th</sup> annual event is hosted by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board, in conjunction with the Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA) EXPO.
- Governors and Lt. Governors from each state have been asked to appoint one chef to compete and highlight their state's seafood industry and culinary talent.
- Each chef is asked to use domestic seafood products with at least one product preferably being from his/her state. This is an opportunity for states to highlight their domestic seafood communities. For any landlocked state who wishes to compete, sourcing seafood from a neighboring state is accepted and encouraged.
- No institutional chefs or large corporate restaurant chefs (10 or more sites) may compete.
- Chefs who have competed in the past three years (2015, 2016 or 2017) as a lead chef are not eligible to participate.
- There are 18 spots available in the competition. Spaces will be granted to the first 18 states that send in the required information.
- All costs associated with competing in GASCO are the responsibility of the representing state. The LA Seafood Board has reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate for participating chefs.
- Chefs are asked to arrive on Friday, August 3 for the Lt. Governor's welcome reception that evening; competition begins at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 4 and is complete by 5:00pm. We encourage chefs to stay the remainder of the weekend to enjoy the many sights, sounds and great restaurants Louisiana has to offer.