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Mohegan Sun Announces Workforce Development Agreement with Greater Boston Area Community Colleges

Will collaborate with three Boston area community colleges as member of the Massachusetts Casino Careers Institute on workforce development training; providing skills needed to fill thousands of jobs created by Mohegan Sun Massachusetts.

REVERE, MA – January 26, 2014-- Mohegan Sun today announced it will collaborate with the Massachusetts Casino Careers Training Institute (MCCTI) and local area community colleges to develop a workforce development plan that will meet the significant job-growth demand created by its proposed \$1.3 billion destination resort casino at Suffolk Downs in Revere.

“We are thrilled to be working closely with all three community colleges to create a workforce development plan that will allow area residents to receive the training they need to immediately begin their careers on day one when the resort-casino opens,” said Mitchell Etess, CEO of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority. “This partnership will be a critical resource to fill the thousands of job opportunities created by Mohegan Sun Massachusetts.”

The Massachusetts Casino Careers Training Institute, represented locally by Bunker Hill Community College, North Shore Community College and Roxbury Community College, is a consortium created by the state’s 15 community colleges and numerous workforce development agencies throughout the Commonwealth. Mohegan Sun will work closely to develop curriculum and worker-training programs in new labor markets such as table games, casino accounting and finance and materials management and purchasing.

“Community colleges are adept at responding swiftly to emerging labor market needs,” said Bunker Hill Community College President Dr. Pam Y. Eddinger. “Bunker Hill Community College is already developing courses in casino management, and we look forward to preparing students for careers in this newly developing area of the state’s economy.”

Mohegan Sun Massachusetts – a \$1.3 billion a resort casino planned for 42 acres at Suffolk Downs in Revere – will create 2,500 construction jobs and 4,000 permanent jobs. It will also preserve 800 jobs at Suffolk Downs by enabling the continuation of live Thoroughbred racing.

“This agreement represents a significant opportunity for our students and the future workforce of the Commonwealth,” said North Shore Community College President Dr. Patricia Gentile, formerly of Atlantic Cape Community College in New Jersey, which manages the workforce training for gaming and resort operators in Atlantic City. “We look forward to collaborating and sharing ideas with the Institute and Mohegan Sun to develop the curriculum and programming that will allow our students, from day-one, to fill the critical job-demand that will be created in the next several years.”

Mohegan Sun and the Revere-area lead colleges will also develop a diversity plan to help ensure that all communities have access to the career opportunities made available by a destination resort casino.

“We look forward to working closely with MCCTI and Mohegan Sun to not only develop the best curriculum and workforce training for our students, but also to provide critical guidance on developing both a skilled and diverse workforce,” said Dr. Valerie Roberson, President of Roxbury Community College.

In addition to workforce training programs, Mohegan Sun and MCCTI will also implement a Career Pathways program targeted at the unemployed and underemployed in the region and provide employees access to educational and career advancement opportunities once hired.

Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs have also had preliminary discussion with Salem State University - which offers a course in Casino Management and a graduate certificate program in hospitality and tourism management - about how their organizations can work together.

“Mohegan Sun is invested in employee growth and advancement,” said Etes. “Already we have a career training and organizational development team in place to oversee curriculum development programs that allow current employees the opportunity to gain valuable skills to advance their careers. Our partnership with these colleges will further support those efforts.”

Mohegan Sun Massachusetts will feature over 170,000 square feet of floor space, 5,000 gaming positions, two hotel facilities totaling 500 rooms, and world-class retail, casual and fine dining and entertainment options created by Boston-based developers New England Development and Finard Properties.

About Mohegan Sun Massachusetts

Mohegan Sun Massachusetts is a world-class destination casino resort to be developed adjacent to and overlooking the iconic Suffolk Downs. Set on 42 acres in Revere, the \$1.3 billion LEED Gold project will evoke the rich and deep history of Revere and Greater Boston and feature casino gaming, two hotels, a spa, internationally-known and branded retail and restaurants, nightlife and entertainment.

Mohegan Sun Massachusetts will create thousands of new jobs and bring new economic growth and tourism to the region. Mohegan Sun has a long-standing commitment to hiring and buying locally, and to working with local businesses, community leaders and cultural and tourist organizations. For more information, please visit www.MoheganSunMA.com

About Suffolk Downs:

Founded in 1935, Suffolk Downs has been a gaming and entertainment venue in the city of Boston for over 78 years. It is New England's only remaining active Thoroughbred racetrack. Rich in history, Suffolk Downs has hosted Hall of Fame horses Seabiscuit, Whirlaway and Cigar, and has been the site of performances by world-renowned entertainers, including the Beatles and Aerosmith. For more information, please visit www.suffolkdowns.com.