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# **Mohegan Sun Announces Labor Agreement for Construction of \$1.3 Billion Revere Resort Casino**

*Labor Harmony Provisions to Create Unionized Workforce*

**REVERE, MA – January 5, 2014--** Mohegan Sun today announced the signing of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Metropolitan Boston Building Trades Council and the New England Regional Council of Carpenters regarding the construction of a \$1.3 billion resort casino on Suffolk Downs land in the City of Revere.

In addition to the Project Labor Agreement, Mohegan Sun announced it has taken steps to develop a unionized workforce for Mohegan Sun Massachusetts in Revere. Mohegan Sun is entering into a memorandum of understanding to create neutrality agreements that will enable unionization of the permanent workforce at the resort casino.

“Mohegan Sun has a strong culture of taking great care of its employees, and we’re pleased to have reached this agreement,” said Mitchell Etes, CEO of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority. “A Mohegan Sun resort casino in Revere will bring thousands of good union jobs and a boost in economic development and tourism to the area.”

The PLA stipulates that the resort casino will be built with union labor. The project, if awarded the Boston area license, is expected to create 2,500 construction jobs.

“We look forward to our partnership with Mohegan Sun and the opportunity to create jobs and build a world-class destination,” said Brian Doherty, Treasurer of the Metropolitan Building Trades Council.

Mark Erlich, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters said, “The Mohegan Sun project at Suffolk Downs will provide needed construction jobs. The site will infuse hundreds of millions of dollars in capital investment. With the unemployment rate of skilled trades still high families are struggling and a potential project of this size is critical to getting people back to work.”

The neutrality agreements will allow for labor harmony with a fully unionized workforce. Labor organizations that are part of the neutrality agreements include IBEW Local 103, Teamsters Local 25, UAW and Laborers Local 22.

Michael Monahan, Business Manager of IBEW Local 103, lauded the neutrality agreement, “Mohegan Sun is committed to creating good-paying jobs in a worker-friendly environment. We are excited about the tremendous job creating opportunity this brings. These jobs will have local hiring preferences, opportunity for advancement and unionized representation.”

Revere voters strongly supported a resort casino on November 5<sup>th</sup> and a new vote on the Mohegan Sun project has been set for February 25<sup>th</sup>. Mohegan Sun has announced plans to develop a \$1.3 billion resort casino with two hotels, world-class dining, retail and entertainment amenities on 42 of Suffolk Downs’ 52 acres in Revere. Suffolk Downs in November chose Mohegan Sun as its development and gaming partner – bringing its 78-year history and iconic name together with New England’s premier gaming brand and one of the most successful casino companies in the world. Track officials have indicated that gaming development on the property ensures the future of the racing operation.

Suffolk Downs and Mohegan Sun share a long-standing commitment to working with local businesses, community leaders and cultural and tourist organizations. Currently, Mohegan Sun spends nearly \$500 million annually on goods and services from local vendors near its Connecticut and Pennsylvania facilities. Mohegan Sun is one of Connecticut’s five largest employers and has a strong track record of hiring and training local employees – more than 90 percent of its employees live locally.

Mohegan Sun jobs support families and households, with the opportunity for career growth and advancement in areas such as gaming operations, hospitality, marketing and promotions, transportation, engineering, human resources, accounting and finance.

#### **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](http://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](http://www.suffolkdowns.com).