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**The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Enhances Community Outreach
via Speakers Bureau and Participation in Statewide Speaking Engagements**

*Effort Aimed at Increasing Public Awareness of MGC's Commitment
To Bring Responsible Expanded Gaming to the Commonwealth*

Today the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) announces the progress of an ongoing community outreach strategy designed to educate the public and provide communities with ongoing opportunity to participate in the process of regulating expanded gaming across the Commonwealth. Through the establishment of MGC's Speakers Bureau, the Commission is participating in numerous statewide speaking engagements to keep the public informed of the schedule and process, increase community awareness of the roles and responsibilities of the Commission, encourage community involvement and solicit valuable feedback to facilitate an all-inclusive, decision-making process. MGC will continue to announce new programs focused on community engagement as the introduction of expanded gaming progresses.

MGC Chairman Steve Crosby said, "It is incumbent upon the Commission to ensure that the public is well-informed on a number of critical issues associated with expanded gaming including but not limited to the licensing process, increased economic opportunities, community mitigation issues, problem gambling and the overall mission of MGC. We encourage organizations to continue to take full advantage of MGC's Speakers Bureau and other opportunities provided to share ideas, provide input and ultimately influence outcomes directly relevant to MGC's work."

As the Commission strives to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, the MGC Speakers Bureau provides an important face-to-face opportunity to communicate directly and facilitate a dialogue with MGC's vast constituency. The Speakers Bureau provides MGC with an opportunity to communicate its roles and responsibilities as well as the Commission's dedication to reducing to the maximum extent possible the potentially unintended consequences of expanded gaming. In order to create the most efficient process, it is suggested that requestors have a minimum audience of **30 attendees** and make the request **30 days in advance**. To facilitate a Speakers Bureau request, the speaker request form is easily accessible on MGC's [website](#).

Below is a list of scheduled speaking engagements:

DATE & TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
September 5, 2012 at 8:00am	Construction Management Association of America, New England Chapter	Wentworth Institute, 550 Huntington Ave., Boston ,MA
September 6, 2012 at 7:00am	Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce	321 Main Street, Worcester, MA
September 7, 2012 at 8:30am	Massachusetts Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives	Holiday Inn, 265 Lakeside Avenue, Marlborough, MA
September 11, 2012 at 8:00am	Winthrop Chamber of Commerce	Winthrop Lodge of Elks, 191 Washington Street, Winthrop MA
September 21, 2012 at 7:00am	North Central MA Chamber of Commerce	Four Points Hotel, 99 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA
September 27, 2012 at 12:00pm	Dedham Rotary Club	Dedham Hilton, 25 Allied Drive, Dedham, MA
October 11, 2012 at 11:30am	Western MA Business Expo	Mass Mutual Center, 1277 Main Street, Springfield, MA
October 12, 2012 at 12:00pm	Plymouth County Development Council	Radisson Hotel, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA
October 18, 2012 at 12:00pm	American Asian Civic Association	87 Tyler Street, 5 th floor, Boston, MA
October 25, 2012 at 8:00am	Metro South Chamber of Commerce	TBD
November 7, 2012	North Shore Chamber of Commerce	TBD

About MGC

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality. For more information on MGC, please visit www.mass.gov/gaming or connect and share on Twitter (@MassGamingComm) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm).