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**The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Accepts Three Final Applications for
Resort-Casino License in Regions A & B**
Commission Launches 'Evaluation Process' to Review Final Applications and
Determine License Awards

Today the Massachusetts Gaming Commission announces the acceptance of three final applications in a two-phase application process toward the award of two resort-casino licenses available in Region A (Eastern Mass) and B (Western Mass). Resort-casino applicants for the two regions were required to submit completed Phase 2 application to the Commission no later than **December 31, 2013**.

The Commission received Phase 2 applications from the following resort-casino applicants:

Resort-Casino Applicant	Host Community & Region	Suitability Determination	Referendum Results
Wynn MA LLC	City of Everett/ Region A	Positive	Yes 86.46%, No 13.54%
Mohegan Sun MA, LLC	City of Revere/ Region A	Positive	Pending
MGM Springfield	City of Springfield/ Region B	Positive	Yes 57.7% No 42.3%

The Phase 2 application is 236 pages and has been broken up into sections to include key evaluation criteria: 1. **Overview of Project**; 2. **Finance**; 3. **Economic Development**; 4. **Building and Site Design**; 5. **Mitigation**. The content of the Phase 2 application is based primarily on the [Evaluation Criteria](#) previously outlined by the Commission.

The Phase 2 application may only be submitted by applicants that have received a positive determination of suitability from the Commission in accordance with 205 CMR 115.05(3). The application requires applicants to provide a copy of the executed host community agreement, and the summary of the host community agreement that was provided to the voters along with a description of the election at which the agreement was approved by the voters, including the date of the election, the polling procedures, and a certified copy of the election results provided by the city or town clerk. Please note that on December 19, 2013, the Commission granted Mohegan Sun a waiver on the required submission of the election certification with the final application. It is anticipated that the City of Revere will hold a host community election in February 2014.

The Commission will provide public access to the public portions of the final resort-casino applications on its website, MassGaming.com the week of January 6th. In addition, the



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resort-casino applicants will each participate in a 90 minute **public presentation** of final applications to the Commission on **January 22, 2013 from 10:00am – 4:00pm at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center**. The presentations will also be streamed LIVE on commission website and the order of the presentation will be determined by lotto at the next open public meeting.

The Evaluation Process

MassGaming is swiftly approaching the issuance of the Commonwealth’s first of several competitively-awarded, expanded gaming licenses. The Commission has already begun a methodical and organized **‘Evaluation Process’** to scrutinize and evaluate the three slots-parlor license applications. The Commission will now apply that same process to analyze the three final resort-casino applications.

The established **‘Evaluation Process’** for assessing and ultimately awarding expanded gaming licenses was developed based on requirements written into the “Expanded Gaming Act” as well as criteria approved by the Commission to solicit the most competitive projects that meet the expectations provided in the final application, have a positive impact on the Massachusetts economy and enhance the state’s revenues.

A detailed explanation of the **‘Evaluation Process’** and the five key evaluation criteria is available in a newly developed section of our website and can be viewed [here](#).

Furthermore, MassGaming has established a comprehensive communications plan to increase awareness of the overall **‘Evaluation Process’** and share with the public the necessary ‘Steps to Licensing’ executed by the Commission toward the issuance of the slots license. The Commission anticipates issuing the single slots license by March 2014. The Commission intends to issue the two resort-casino licenses for Regions A & B by May 2014.

The Commission continues to invite the public to participate in the ongoing licensing process by staying updated on the Commission’s efforts through MassGaming’s [Tumblr](#) account, which will include content featuring news and information on the Commission’s “Steps to Licensing”. In addition to MassGaming’s Tumblr account, the Commission will continue to provide frequent updates on its progress, critical milestones and key meeting and public hearing dates through the use of the Commission’s website, gaming blog, videos and other social media channels.

About MassGaming

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 MassGaming.com or connect and share on Twitter (@MassGamingComm) or Facebook www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm.



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