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MGC Receives First Ever Minority and Women Business Report

Clayton, Missouri- The Missouri Gaming Commission received its first comprehensive report on minority and women business inclusion in the Missouri casino industry at today's meeting.

MGC Executive Director Gene McNary, Commissioner Darryl Jones, and MGC Compliance Auditor/Liaison Officer John Nathan initiated the effort. Gene McNary says "Missouri's casino industry has evolved into a major employer with 12 thousand jobs, significant capital investment and economic development. It is essential we keep up with the inclusion of minorities and women businesses in this industry." McNary adds " this comprehensive study is the first of its kind to be reported to the Commission. The results are positive, yet we are looking for improvement."

The report indicates The President, in downtown St.Louis, has a minority workforce totaling over 64%. Lumiere Place, also in downtown St.Louis, reported spending nearly 28% of its budget on minority construction firms. Other highlights of the report include Harrah's Kansas City spending over 29% of its budget on minority and women vendors and suppliers. The Missouri Gaming Commission mandates

minority and women business inclusion reports at each casino re-licensing hearing as a means of monitoring progress.

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