



## Gaming Facility Location Board

Request for Applications to Develop and Operate a Gaming Facility in REGION 5

# UPDATED Protocol for Public Comment Event

**New/Updated Information in Bold Yellow Highlight.**

September 15, 2015

The Gaming Facility Location Board is convening a public comment event in Region 5 for members of the public to comment on the Applicant's proposal and the potential impact on their Region and community. This public comment event is free, open to the public and does not require advance registration to attend.

Each speaker addressing the Board will be given an individual five-minute speaking slot.

Pursuant to section IV.E of the Request for Applications, the Applicant or their representatives are required to attend the public comment event. The Applicant cannot address the Board or make public comments; individuals attending the public comment event cannot pose comments or questions directly to the Applicant or their representatives.

**Date and time.** The public comment event will be conducted September 18. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. The Board will receive comments between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**A brief video that was unable to be shown at the September 10 Applicant Presentation event due to time constraints will be shown at the beginning of the Public Comment Event.**

**Location.** The event will be conducted at:

SUNY Broome Community College  
Baldwin Gym (Located in the Student Center)  
Main Campus: 907 Upper Front Street  
Binghamton, NY 13902

**Attendees should use the NORTH COLLEGE DRIVE entrance to the campus. The Baldwin Gym is adjacent to the Ice Center on North College Drive. Attendees for this event are permitted to park in clearly marked spaces anywhere on campus but must use the main entrance to the Gym.**

**Seating.** Excepting limited reserved seating for members of the Board and staff, seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Remote access.** The event will be streamed live and archived on the Gaming Commission's Web site ([www.gaming.ny.gov](http://www.gaming.ny.gov)). Members of the public not wishing to comment are encouraged to watch the live stream remotely in order to preserve seating for those wishing to comment.

### **Public Comments:**

**Participation:** The public comment event is free, open to the public and does not require advance registration.

To allow diverse participation, the Board respectfully requests interested grassroots groups or formally constituted organizations designate a single representative to address the Board to avoid repetition. Time permitting, additional members of such groups or organizations may address the Board on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Members of the public who spoke at the September 24, 2014 Public Comment Event in Ithaca during the prior casino bidding process, please NOTE: The length of this Public Comment Event is four hours. It is expected that more people will register to speak than time will allow. If you spoke at the September 24, 2014 Public Comment Event, it is unnecessary to speak again.**

- **If you wish to have your comment from that record considered in this casino bidding process, please simply email [info@gaming.ny.gov](mailto:info@gaming.ny.gov) and indicate as such (please include your name). Your 2014 comment will then be included in the current record.**
- **If you intend to speak at the September 18 Public Comment Event and also spoke at the September 24, 2014 Public Comment Event: Please inform the registration desk upon arrival and registration so that your previous comments are added to the current record.**

**For members of the public who wish to provide written comment to the Board: Slips of paper at the registration desks with the mailing and email address listed below will be available for attendees to take with them.**

**Length.** To ensure fairness, individual comment segments will be limited to five (5) minutes each. There will be a visual counter graphically illustrating time remaining for each segment. The Board will adhere to the clock to maximize the number of participants, and asks all speakers to keep remarks to the allotted time.

**Comment Segment Reservations.** As previously announced publicly, the first five time slots per hour are held for speaking time reservations. **All reserved times have been filled.**

The Board will “reset” the start time for speakers at the top of each hour. This will allow the Board to hear as many comments as possible while adhering to the schedule of pre-registered speakers.

**Equipment and visual aids.** No attendees may utilize multimedia visual aids. Informational posters and handouts are permitted, however the assembly and distribution of materials will be counted as part of the five (5) minute allotment. All materials must be promptly removed or disassembled at the conclusion of remarks. Individuals making use of posters as part of their comment should submit a reduced-size copy of such if intended for inclusion in the formal written record.

**Written submissions.** In addition to oral statements, the Board will accept written submissions at the event and up to seven (7) days following the event. Statements received beyond seven (7) days following the event will not be included in the formal record but will be included in the full RFA process record.

All submissions should clearly identify the submitter’s name, and affiliation, if any, and be sent to:

Gail P. Thorpe, Supervisor of Contract Administration  
New York State Gaming Commission  
Contracts Office  
One Broadway Center  
Schenectady, New York 12301-7500

Written comments may also be submitted via email to [info@gaming.ny.gov](mailto:info@gaming.ny.gov).

## **Registration**

**Pre-Registered Speaker Check-In.** The first five (5) speaking time reservation slots per hour are being held for individuals to pre-register as described above. **All reserved times have been filled.**

Pre-registered speakers must check-in at the event table clearly marked “Pre-Registration Reserved Check-In” at least 15 minutes prior to their reserved speaking time. Slots for pre-registrants who do not timely check-in prior to the start of their speaking time will be released to same day on-site registrants.

**On-Site Registration.** Attendees without previously registered speaking slots may sign up at the event table clearly marked “Walk-In Registration.” Speaking slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each hour, the Board will first call pre-registered speakers, and then same day registrants in the order of registration. The Board anticipates more people will register to speak than time will allow, thus it is imperative that those who sign up to speak on the day of the event remain in the venue so they do not miss their opportunity to speak.

## **Decorum**

All attendees are expected to show respect and courtesy to attendees, commentators and Board members. Disruptions will not be tolerated. Any person making offensive, insulting, threatening, intimidating or obscene remarks, or who becomes unruly during the Public Comment Event will be requested to leave at the direction of any Board member. If necessary, the Board may request the assistance of law enforcement for the purpose of maintaining safety, order and decorum.

**Signs, Placards, Banners.** For public safety purposes, no signs or placards mounted on sticks, posts, poles or similar structures will be allowed. Non-mounted signs, placards, banners are allowed but must not disrupt or interfere with others.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Q. How do I get to the Binghamton Public Comment Event?**

A. Please refer to the campus map located [here](#) and directions located [here](#).

### **Q. Will Speakers be provided microphones, or a microphone at a podium?**

A. There will be a wireless microphone on podium facing the Board at the location.

### **Q. Can I give my reserved speaking slot to someone else?**

A. Yes, but only in the event the individual seeking to take your spot is affiliated with the same organization as yourself.

### **Q. Can you provide a list of those members of the public who have reserved speaking slots?**

A. No.

### **Q. Another member of the public and I both have reserved speaking slots at the same event and wish to switch times. Is this allowed?**

A. Yes, but only if both impacted members of the public are present at the pre-registration sign-in table at the same time and make the request together.

### **Q. What happens if someone doesn't use their entire five minute segment?**

A. If someone uses less than their five minute segment, the Board will immediately call the next individual to speak. All speakers should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time and not leave the premises until they have made their comment.

**Q. I am the Applicant and/or work for the Applicant. May I provide comment to the Board?**

A. No. Pursuant to section IV.E of the Request for Applications, Applicants or their representatives are required to attend the public comment event. However, they should not expect to address the Board or make public comments.

**Q. During my segment, may I address or question the Applicant at the public comment event?**

A. No. Individuals attending the public comment event cannot pose comments or questions directly to the Applicant in attendance.

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