**INTRODUCTION**

**SUMMARY**
Developers are planning a 2,000 gaming position casino in Matteson near both I-57 and I-80 that will include restaurants, a hotel, and convention space in a fully funded project operated by a highly experienced Indian tribe incorporating significant local and minority partnerships.

**PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND**
Recent Illinois legislation allows for a new casino in one of five townships in the south suburbs of Chicago.

**DEVELOPERS**
The project will be developed and managed by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma with financial backing from Chicago area gaming investor and US Army veteran Rob Miller and institutional capital.

**LOCATION**
The project will be located on the corner of Lincoln Highway and Harlem Avenue convenient to both I-57 and I-80 exits in a light industrial zone.

**INITIAL SCOPE**
The project site is 35 acres. The initial phase would include a casino containing 1,700 slots, 40 tables, an upscale, three-meal restaurant, and a food hall for “grab and go” fast casual dining. Future phases include a 200 room hotel, convention space, and other retail and entertainment.

**PROJECT STATUS**
Necessary land is under option. Public announcement and a vote of the Matteson Village Board is scheduled for mid-October. Application to the Illinois Gaming Board is underway.

**COMPETITION BUDGET**
The full project is expected to cost approximately $300 million, including the $75 million up front fee due to the State of Illinois.

**LOCAL CONTENT**
Local and minority-owned contractors and vendors will be preferred. Local restaurant operators have been invited to create new food venues within the casino. Negotiations are underway for the addition of minority-owned and operated movie theater and a separate minority-owned and operated golf entertainment facility to be built connected to the casino.

**FULLY FUNDED PROJECT**
If selected to develop a casino by the Illinois Gaming Board, the project team has the capital necessary to complete the project as designed.
The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma operates 22 casinos in Oklahoma with 1,000 hotel rooms, 10,000 slot machines, 80 tables, 35 restaurants, 2 resort pools, theaters, conference centers, and family entertainment facilities.

Choctaw’s management team is led by Janie Dillard as CEO, Tammye Gwin as head of development, and Heidi Grant as General Manager. They have been leading the tribe’s gaming enterprises since their inception 30 years ago.

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is the third largest tribe in the United States with over 200,000 members. Led by Chief Gary Batton, Assistant Chief Jack Austin Jr., and 12 Tribal Council Members. Key goals of the tribe are education, healthy lifestyles, land and water stewardship, along with economic development. The tribe is committed to Faith, Family, and Culture and offering opportunities for growth and prosperity.

1. Fully financed project operated by an Indian Tribe with significant development and operational experience; 2. Located by two major interstates and about 30 minutes from any current casino; 3. Significant portions of the project will be owned and operated by minority companies. Minority investors will be given preference. Developers are actively seeking minority investors for the project. The plan includes an exhibit highlighting the multicultural history of the area.

Together we’re stronger. Matteson is proposing combining a portion of its 2% local host fee, along with the 3% divided among 41 separate communities into a regional capital development authority. Casino revenue could be used to issue bonds for large capital projects benefitting the entire Southland region.