

PHASE I – RFQ/P PROPOSAL FROM AMERISTAR CASINO SPRINGFIELD, LLC

The following is a summary of relevant material non-confidential provisions of the Proposer’s response to the Phase I - RFQ/P, and does not constitute an analysis of such response by the City of Springfield or its consultants.

Proposer:

Ameristar Casino Springfield, LLC (the “**Proposer**”), 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490 South, Las Vegas, NV 89169.

Ownership:

The Proposer is a newly-formed Massachusetts limited liability company owned 100% by Ameristar Casinos, Inc., a publicly-traded company (NASDAQ: “ASCA”). No local ownership of Proposer is anticipated.

Management:

The casino will be self-managed by Ameristar. No outside management company will be utilized.

Projected Cost of Development:

Projected total costs for the development is \$910.0 million. The various components of this cost estimate are confidential.

Plan of Financing:

The Proposer states that of the \$910.0 million estimated costs, it expects \$710 million will be financed with funds available through Ameristar Casino, Inc.’s current credit structure and from free cash flow from operations. The Proposer will finance the remaining \$200 million through additional borrowings from Ameristar’s existing credit group which the Proposer is “highly confident we can secure.”

Ameristar’s current credit structure totals \$2.44 billion consisting of (1) \$1.04 billion in outstanding unsecured senior notes due 2021 and (2) a \$1.4 billion senior credit facility. The senior credit facility consists of (1) a \$200 million A term loan that is fully borrowed and matures in 2016; (2) a \$700 million B term loan that is fully borrowed and matures in 2018; and (3) a \$500 million revolving loan facility, \$4 million of which is borrowed as of the date of the Proposer’s submission and which matures in 2016. Ameristar has the right to increase the B term loan by up to \$200 million as long as Ameristar continues to maintain compliance with the covenants in the credit facility.

Over the next 24 months, approximately \$240 million of Ameristar’s existing credit structure will be used to fund Ameristar’s Lake Charles, Louisiana project. This amount is reflected in the calculations referenced above regarding the additional borrowings needed for the Springfield project.

Location and Land Assemblage:

The Proposer's casino complex is to be constructed on a 40-acre site located on Page Boulevard just west of Interstate Highway 291. The Proposer owns the land in fee simple. No assistance is needed from the City or its instrumentalities in order to obtain additional land for the proposed casino complex. No businesses or residents will be displaced for the project.

Neither Ameristar, the Proposer nor any other affiliate of Ameristar owns or controls any land in Massachusetts located outside of the City of Springfield, MA.

Size/Ancillary Development:

The casino complex will contain a 150,000 sq. ft. casino with 110 table games (including poker) and 3,300 slot machines. The hotel will have 500 rooms including 50 suites. The property will include multiple swimming pools, a full-service spa and retail outlets. There will be diverse dining options as well as an 18,000 square foot entertainment/meeting space. The project contemplates two multiple-level parking structures with capacity for approximately 4,300 vehicles. The resort will be "master-planned to accommodate significant future expansions of the casino, hotel and parking garages, each as warranted by market and competitive conditions."

Other Jurisdictions:

Ameristar operates 8 casinos in seven markets including the following:

- Ameristar Casino Resort Spa St. Charles (St. Louis, MO area);
- Ameristar Casino Hotel Kansas City (Kansas City area);
- Ameristar Casino Hotel Council Bluffs (Omaha, NE area);
- Ameristar Casino Resort Spa Black Hawk (Denver area);
- Ameristar Casino Hotel Vicksburg (Jackson, MS area);
- Ameristar Casino Hotel East Chicago (Chicago, IL area); and
- Cactus Petes Resort Casino and The Horsehu Hotel and Casino in Jackpot, NV (Idaho area).

Ameristar also began construction of its ninth property a casino in Lake Charles, LA in July 2012.

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