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### **Mission Statement**

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.

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## **MassGaming's March 2014 Newsletter**

Greetings,

It has been a busy and productive few weeks at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. MassGaming has issued the first expanded gaming license and is on track to issue the licenses for resort-casinos in Region A (Eastern Mass.) and Region B (Western Mass.) within the next few months.

MassGaming would like to thank you for your ongoing participation and interest in our efforts to successfully implement the expanded gaming law.

### **MassGaming awards Penn National Gaming with the state's single slots license**

On February 28, 2013, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission officially awarded the state's single slots license to Penn National Gaming. The Penn National slots-only proposal is located in Plainville, MA. The expanded gaming law permits the single slots-only facility to operate up to 1,250 slot machines. The slots license fee is \$25 million and is due 30 days after the award of the license.

Press Conference video:



**MGC awards Penn National Gaming  
with the state's single slots license**

### **Save the Date: MassGaming to host Internet Gaming Forum on March 11, 2014**

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is hosting an educational forum to explore the topic of Internet Gaming. The Commission has invited a number of industry experts to attend the forum and participate in a series of presentations and panel discussions focused on the current status of internet gaming. **Topics include:**

- What are internet gaming and social gaming?
- Status of internet gaming nationally and globally including the legal status of internet gaming in Massachusetts
- Risks to internet gaming: money laundering, problem gambling and verification
- Challenges and successes of internet gaming in Nevada, Delaware and Canadian Provinces
- Lottery, Internet Gaming and Casinos- Peaceful Coexistence?

For more information, please view the [Notification and Agenda](#) for the Internet Gaming Forum.

Members of the public unable to attend the event are encouraged to watch the forum via live stream at [MassGaming.com](http://MassGaming.com).

### **MassGaming observes March 2014 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month**



The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is working closely with its partners in service provision, healthcare and advocacy to recognize March 2014 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. National Problem Gambling Awareness Month (NPGAM) is a grassroots campaign established to raise awareness to issues associated with problem gambling and highlight the national and local resources available to provide individuals and families with support.

To read more about MassGaming's initiatives in support of National Problem Gambling Awareness Month, please visit this [blog post](#).

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**Timeline Update: Commission releases important revised timeline regarding category 1 (Regions A & B) licensing deadlines and required actions**

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Below please find a revised document which offers ESTIMATED schedules for the award of Category 1 (resort-casino) gaming licenses in Region A (Eastern Mass.) and Region B (Western Mass.).

The projected schedule for Category 1 is based on the assumption that at least one arbitration between an applicant and a surrounding community or impacted live entertainment venue will be required and that this

Commission's regulations.

If full length arbitrations are not necessary in a particular Category 1 region, this schedule could potentially be adjusted to allow the earlier award of a gaming license. Although these dates are based on timetables required by statute and the Commission's regulations, they are estimates because they may need to be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances or to improve the licensing process.

View the estimated schedule [here](#).

## Save the Date: 'Host Community' Meeting in Springfield on April 1, 2014



This public hearing is intended to provide the Commission with the opportunity to pose questions to the applicant and address concerns relative to the proposal of **Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC/MGM** ("applicant") to build a gaming establishment in Springfield, MA including the scope and quality of the proposed gaming area and amenities, the integration of the proposed gaming establishment into the surrounding community and the extent of required mitigation plans and receive input from members of the public from an impacted community.

For more information on the agenda of the public meeting, as well as information on signing up to speak at the meeting, please view the [Meeting Notification and Agenda](#).

For your convenience, MassGaming provides a LIVE STREAM of every meeting on the homepage of its website at [MassGaming.com](http://MassGaming.com).

In addition, MassGaming invites you to follow along and participate with live meeting updates via Twitter at [@MassGamingComm](https://twitter.com/MassGamingComm).

Best wishes,

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