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**LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY REVIEW BOARD CHOOSES CASINO MANAGER FOR SOUTH CENTRAL GAMING ZONE**

**Topeka-** The Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board today selected Iowa based Peninsula Gaming to manage a state –owned casino in the South Central Gaming Zone.

The board voted 6-1 to award the contract to Peninsula. They have proposed the \$260 million dollar Kansas Star Casino. The Kansas Star will initially have 1300 slot machines and 30 table games with a complete build out of 2000 slot machines and 50 table games in 2014. Peninsula estimates \$202 million dollars in annual stabilized gaming revenue. Board members voting in favor of the Kansas Star proposal were: Matt All, Jackie Vietti, Dean Ferrell , Jim Bergfalk, Jack Brier and Bob Boaldin. Board member Garry Boston voted for the Global Gaming proposal.

Peninsula must now undergo an extensive background check by the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. The contract becomes binding when the commission approves the backgrounds. By statute, the KRGC has 10 days, with the possibility of a 60 day extension, to complete the background checks.

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