



## FIRST LIGHT RESORT & CASINO JOB & VENDOR FAIR

**Taunton, MA (May 9, 2016)** - Now that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has begun site demolition work to pave the way for its billion-dollar First Light Resort & Casino in Taunton, the Tribe's Gaming Authority is hosting a job and vendor fair this Saturday.

The fair will provide information for prospective employees as well as local businesses, owners, operators, principals and sales and marketing representatives interested in supplying goods and services to First Light Resort & Casino. It will be held on **May 14 at the Holiday Inn in Taunton, 700 Myles Standish Blvd, from 11-4 pm.**

The destination resort casino, a portion of which is on schedule to open for business by the summer of 2017, will generate 1,000 construction jobs and over 2,600 permanent jobs. Hiring for construction jobs will begin soon and the Tribe is expected to start hiring en masse for casino jobs in the winter of 2016.

"A development of this magnitude will generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity that will be a boon to Tribal citizens, area residents, and businesses across southeastern Massachusetts," said Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Gaming Authority President Cedric Cromwell.

"We are working closely with our Tribe's employment office and local union officials. With thousands of jobs being created, there will be an abundance of opportunities for good paying work in the building and operation of First Light Resort & Casino. There will also be a need for vendor services," Cromwell said. "This job and vendor fair will begin the process of putting the right people in the right place to benefit from a first-class project."

Taunton Mayor Thomas Hoyer noted how the diligent work of tribal leaders and city officials over the past several years to bring this project to fruition is ready to deliver on its promise.

"One of my top priorities has been to help bring economic revitalization to our great city. First Light Resort & Casino is going to do just that. It is bringing thousands of jobs and millions in additional revenue for the City to spend on vital services," Hoyer said. "The spin-off benefits for Taunton area businesses will be enormous as well. This is an exciting moment for us."

The announcement of the job and vendor fair comes on the heels of a groundbreaking ceremony held on April 5 in which Hoyer and Cromwell were joined by state and local officials,

tribal leaders and hundreds of tribal citizens and Taunton residents to celebrate the start of construction.

The on-going demolition work, in conjunction with \$30 million of off-site traffic improvements, will clear the way for the construction of what will be the state's first destination resort casino.

Once construction is complete First Light Resort & Casino will include:

- 3,000 slot machines
- 150 table games
- 40 poker tables
- Fine dining restaurants; food court with international buffet; and 24-hour cafe
- Three 15-story, 300-room luxury hotels
- Lounge and performance stage
- Indoor pool
- 9 retail stores
- 31,000 square-foot multi-purpose function room
- 5 meeting rooms
- Spa and water park

Those interested in attending the job and vendor fair are asked to **RSVP** [info@firstlightresort.com](mailto:info@firstlightresort.com)

#### **About First Light Resort & Casino:**

The Mashpee Wampanoag are also known as People of the First Light. True to their name, the Tribe will build a first-class gaming and entertainment venue; a first-of-its-kind economic revitalization project in the heart of Southeastern Massachusetts on tribal lands in Taunton. For more information visit [www.projectfirstlight.com](http://www.projectfirstlight.com)

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