



Aquinnah Wampanoag Gaming Corporation Signs Construction Agreement for Martha's Vineyard Project

Aquinnah, Massachusetts (February 22, 2019) – Officials with Aquinnah Wampanoag Gaming Corporation, the gaming entity of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Heard (Aquinnah), today announced the beginning of construction for the Tribe's first gaming development project on Martha's Vineyard. Williams Building Company of Hyannis, Massachusetts, has been selected as the general contractor for the project.

Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais said this marks a significant step forward for the project. She pointed to strategic partnerships with industry experts as a driving force in the project's continued forward progress and success.

"We remain committed to bringing positive economic development to our Tribe, the Town of Aquinnah and our neighbors in the larger Island community," said Andrews-Maltais. "At the start of construction, we bring to life the vision for this entertainment experience. We look forward to the creation of new jobs, supporting the local economy and local businesses and bringing a new and exciting entertainment venue to our Island.

The 10,000-square-foot facility will house approximately 250 electronic gaming machines, a beer and wine bar, outdoor seating area and mobile food vendor area. The casino is expected to employ nearly 100 full- and part-time employees when operational.

Tim Williams, owner of Williams Building Company, commented on the beginning of the project.

"Williams Building is very excited to begin this phase of development for the project," said Williams. "We are honored to be selected by the Aquinnah Wampanoag Gaming Corporation, and look forward to making this long-term goal of the Tribe into a reality."

In August of last year, the Tribe's Gaming Corporation announced its selection of Global Gaming Solutions as the developer and consultant for the new casino. A leader in the gaming, entertainment, racing and hospitality industries, the GGS team has designed, operated or opened more than 30 casinos and placed or managed more than 50,000 electronic games.

"We are thrilled to have such a wonderful development partner like Global Gaming Solutions, to help us achieve economic self-sufficiency in order to supplement our necessary programs and services," Chairwoman Andrews-Maltais said. "We look forward to the day when we too can assist another Tribe who is struggling to provide for their Community".

Site preparation began earlier this month and building construction is expected to begin in March. Construction is expected to take approximately six months to complete, pending any construction or weather delays.

The facility is located on Tribal trust lands at 1 Black Brook Road, Aquinnah MA.

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