

New York State Casino Projects Frequently Asked Questions



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The New York State Gaming Commission has approved licenses to resort gaming destinations in Sullivan, Schenectady, Seneca and Tioga Counties, ushering new jobs and investment, as well as revenue for local governments and school districts that will come to the regions as a result. The four projects were selected through a competitive bid process and include:

- **Rivers Casino & Resort in Schenectady County:** Rivers Casino & Resort at Mohawk Harbor will be a \$330 million investment and include a 61,000 square-foot gaming floor, 1,150 slot machines, 79 table games, public green spaces on the riverfront, and a new 163-room hotel.
- **Montreign Resort Casino in Sullivan County:** Montreign Resort Casino will be developed by a subsidiary of Empire Resorts, Inc. ("Empire") and will be part of the first phase of Adelaar, a \$1.25 billion development by Empire and EPR Properties ("EPR"), which will include the 18-story casino, hotel and entertainment complex with 2,150 slot machines, 102 table games, and 332 luxury hotel rooms. EPR will be responsible for the construction of a 325,000 square foot indoor waterpark lodge, and Empire will develop an entertainment village with retail and dining, and an 18-hole golf course.
- **Lago Resort & Casino in Seneca County:** Lago Resort & Casino will be a \$425 million capital investment and include 1,950 slot machines, 84 table games, a 205-room hotel and a 10,000 square foot spa.
- **Tioga Downs Casino Racing and Entertainment in Tioga County:** Tioga Downs Racetrack, LLC proposes to further develop the Tioga Downs harness racetrack and current video lottery gaming facility in the Town of Nichols, expanding the facility and converting the gaming facility to a casino facility. Tioga's facility would include a 32,590-square-foot casino with 1,000 slot machines and 50 gaming tables, 161 hotel rooms, multiple restaurants and lounges, an event center and expansion to include the existing Tioga Country Club. Tioga is currently undergoing the Gaming Commission's licensing review process.

With a combined capital investment of over \$2 billion, the three casinos will create over 5,000 permanent jobs, with approximately 1,300 in Schenectady County, 1,425 in Sullivan County, and 1,250 in Seneca County and 1,100 in Tioga County.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who are the Construction Managers?

- LP Ciminelli for Montreign Resort & Casino
- LP Ciminelli for Tioga Downs Racing & Entertainment
- Norwood-LeChase for Rivers Resort & Casino
- Wilmorite Construction for Lago Resort & Casino

What is the scheduled timeline for the Casino Projects?

Construction on the project has begun with current licensees. Subcontracting opportunities are currently available. Upon grant of licensing to casino developers by New York State Gaming Commission, projects are expected to be completed within [24 months](#).

What certifications are necessary to qualify for MWBE opportunities?

Only firms certified by NYS Empire State Development may be used to meet MWBE goals.

Are the Casino Projects subject to MWBE goals?

Yes. The four Casino Projects are all subject to NYS Executive Law Article 15-A, which has MWBE participation goals set at 30%.

Are sub-contracting opportunities available in non-construction-related areas?

There are opportunities for the participation of MWBEs in non-construction related areas. It is highly recommended to contact each of the respective Construction Managers for further information.

Where are MWBE contracting opportunities found?

Please contact the following construction managers to participate as a subcontractor on any of these projects:

Montreign Casino & Resort

Website: www.montreign.com

Email: spennington@lpciminelli.com / MWBECasino@DackConsulting.com

Lago Resort & Casino

Website: www.lagoresortandcasino.com

Email: dharder@wilmorite.com

Rivers Casino & Resort

Website: www.riverscasinoandresort.com

Email: jglapion@norwoodco.com

Tioga Downs Casino

Website: www.tiogadowns.com/expansion

Email: spennington@lpciminelli.com

My firm is a NYS certified MWBE, where do I get further information?

All New York State certified MWBEs who are interested in participating in the Casino Projects should contact the listed Casino contact. A webinar information session was held in mid-November 2015 advising MWBEs of the contracting opportunities. For a copy of the presentation, email your request to MWBEBusinessDev@esd.ny.gov.

To get certified as a NYS MWBE, applications are completed online through the New York State Contract System: ny.newnycontracts.com

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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