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**SENECA GAMING CORPORATION ISSUES RFP FOR
SENECA BUFFALO CREEK CASINO PROJECT**
Design firms have until January 20 to respond

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK – Seneca Gaming Corporation announced that it has taken the next step toward creating the new Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in downtown Buffalo.

Corporation officials announced that a Request For Proposals (RFP) for design services was issued last week to selected local and national architectural firms. Responses are due back to Seneca Gaming Corporation by January 20.

“This is the next step toward bringing tangible economic development to Buffalo’s Inner Harbor area,” Barry E. Snyder, Sr., President of the Seneca Nation of Indians and Chairman of the Seneca Gaming Corporation, said.

“The Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino project will not only help create a critical mass of visitors in the area, but our plans for a world-class facility will also produce job opportunities for the working class, business opportunities for local vendors and suppliers, and much-needed revenue for the local economy – all of which have been needed in our area for some time.”

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Seneca Gaming Corporation stated that the proposed Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino is expected to create approximately 1,000 new jobs, further cementing the company's position as one of the largest and fastest-growing private sector employers in Western New York. Since opening Seneca Niagara Casino on December 31, 2002, Seneca Gaming Corporation has created nearly 4,000 jobs in the local economy.

"The Seneca Nation's efforts in Buffalo are geared at creating economic opportunity for the Nation and for our neighbors living in Western New York, who need jobs to support themselves and their families," Snyder added. "We do not believe that it is prudent to sit on the sidelines and impede development, but rather to move forward so that those who need and want to work can find opportunity in Buffalo."

Seneca Gaming Corporation officials have said that the Seneca Nation's third Class III casino in Western New York will comprise approximately 100,000 square feet and house 2,200 slot machines, 50 table games, dining options, office and support space, as well as parking for approximately 2,500 vehicles.

"The design firms selected to receive the RFP are, in our estimation, among the best in the country in creating signature casino destinations," John Pasqualoni, President and CEO, Seneca Gaming Corporation, said. "We want the design of Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino to equally reflect the rich history of the Seneca Nation and the bright future we hope lies ahead for the City of Buffalo."

Pursuant to and subject to the terms of the Nation-State Gaming Compact approved by the New York State Legislature and signed by Governor Pataki and the Seneca Nation in 2002, the Nation must currently pay 18 percent of its net slot machine drop to the State, with that percentage growing to 25 percent in December 2010. One-quarter of that

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amount is then returned to the local community. To date, the Nation's casino operations have generated nearly \$100 million in revenue for New York State, with more than \$21 million being designated for the local economies in Niagara Falls and Salamanca, where the Nation currently operates its existing Class III casinos.

Seneca Gaming Corporation officials estimate that the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino could deliver \$25 million to \$30 million to New York State in its first full year of operations. Based on those estimates, the local community would receive \$5 million - \$7 million in annual payments.

Last year, the nine acre parcel produced approximately \$31,000 in local property taxes.

In addition to the employment and slot revenue benefits the local economy will receive, the proposed casino will also support additional jobs in the local economy. In its 2004 fiscal year alone, Seneca Gaming Corporation spent more than \$61 million with local vendors and suppliers.

"We have invested millions of dollars to create a vibrant new industry here in Western New York, bringing people to the region to visit, to work and to live in the process," Snyder added.

Seneca Nation and Seneca Gaming Corporation officials officially began the construction process for the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino project on December 8, 2005, when demolition crews began dismantling a long-vacant structure on the 9-acre parcel the Nation acquired in October. The site, which is now considered sovereign Seneca territory, is bordered by Michigan Avenue to the west, Perry Street to the north, Marvin Street to the east and South Park Avenue to the south.

The name Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino refers to the name of the Seneca Nation's Buffalo Creek Territory, which occupied lands surrounding the designated casino site until the Treaty of Buffalo Creek in 1842.