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THE CORDISH COMPANIES AND LIVE! CASINO & HOTEL MARYLAND TO HOST FREE MINORITY OUTREACH FAIR ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 FROM 8:00 AM – NOON

Semi-Annual Event Connects More Than 800 Small, Minority and Women-owned Businesses with Dozens of Leading Companies for Potential Contract Opportunities

Hanover, MD (December 10, 2021) – The Cordish Companies and Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland are continuing the tradition of partnering with the Maryland Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA) to create opportunities for small-, minority-, and women-owned businesses to engage with potential contracting partners. These include leading prime construction companies, utilities, education providers, professional services, suppliers, financial institutions, healthcare organizations, casinos, and Maryland’s newest industry, offshore wind. In past years, over 8,500 minority-led firms have come together at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland to meet with dozens of companies interested in contracting new work with diversity and inclusion top of mind.

The Minority Outreach Fair will be held in Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland’s Event Center on Friday, December 10, 2021, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Admission, exhibitor participation, and parking is free of charge.

Among the confirmed exhibitors for 2021 will be Exelon, Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland Medical System, The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, Clark Construction Group, LLC, US Wind, DC Water, and T-Rowe Price. Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot will also be onsite to welcome guests and speak about the importance of supporting minority-owned businesses.

“It is truly an honor to host the eighth annual Minority Outreach Fair in partnership with the MWMCA,” said Zed Smith, COO, The Cordish Companies. “It has always been a priority for both The Cordish Companies and Live! Casino & Hotel to promote diversity and inclusion in our workplaces and communities and this event is a tribute to those efforts. Providing a venue for minority owned businesses and contractors to network and build relationships is a powerful way to support our community members.”

The Minority Outreach Fair is part of a series of regular minority outreach events produced by The Cordish Companies and the MWMCA. Through this ongoing partnership, the two organizations demonstrate their commitment to inclusion and ensure that MBE/WBE firms have their foot in the local economy. Attendees of this event will have the chance to meet with leading entities across a broad variety of industries, who can provide information on current and upcoming work and/or contract opportunities.

“Our ongoing partnership with the MWMCA is one we are very proud of,” added Anthony Faranca, general manager, Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland. “We are fully committed to providing economic opportunity to minority-, women-, and small-owned businesses and this outreach fair does just that, by facilitating a large-scale networking event right here in Anne Arundel County.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic impacted everyone, but in particular, we saw many minority communities and businesses suffer,” said Wayne Frazier, President of the MWMCA. “This year’s Minority Outreach Fair is coming at an absolutely crucial time and we are thankful to partner with The Cordish Companies and Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland to bring this event to our community so these businesses can continue their journey to economic recovery.”

To register or for more information, visit www.MWMCA.org or email events@mwmca.org. For information about Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland, visit www.Maryland.LiveCasinoHotel.com.

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About Live! Casino & Hotel

The AAA Four Diamond rated Live! Casino & Hotel is one of the largest commercial casinos in the country, located in the Washington DC/Baltimore corridor, just off I-95, Route 100 and the B/W Parkway at Arundel Mills. Open 24/7/365, the property features more than 200 live action table games, including a Poker Room; approximately 4,000 slot machines; two High Limit rooms; and the Orchid Gaming & Smoking Patio. Guests can enjoy award-winning accommodations, including 310 luxury guest rooms; world-class dining, the ultimate sports fan experience at Sports & Social Maryland, and incredible entertainment at THE HALL at Live!, a three-story multi-use concert and event venue featuring 40,000-square-feet of customizable meeting space and banquet seating. For reservations, call 443-445-2929, or book online at Maryland.LiveCasinoHotel.com. Live! Casino & Hotel is owned and operated by a company that is affiliated with The Cordish Companies. Call 855-5MD-LIVE (855-563-5483); or visit Maryland.LiveCasinoHotel.com or LiveCasino.social. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @LiveCasionMD. For employment opportunities, visit www.Maryland.LiveCasinoHotel.com/Careers.

About The Cordish Companies

The Cordish Companies’ origins date back to 1910 and encompass four generations of privately-held, family ownership. During the past ten decades, The Cordish Companies has grown into a global leader in Commercial Real Estate; Entertainment Districts; Sports-Anchored Developments; Gaming; Hotels; Residential Properties; Restaurants; International Development; Coworking Spaces; and Private Equity. One of the largest and most respected developers in the world, The Cordish Companies has been awarded an unprecedented seven Urban Land Institute Awards for Excellence for public-private developments that are of unique significance to the cities in which they are located. The Cordish Companies has developed and operates highly acclaimed dining, entertainment and hospitality destinations throughout the United States, many falling under The Cordish Companies’ Live! Brand, highly regarded as one of the premier entertainment brands in the country. In gaming, The Cordish Companies has developed among the most successful casino hotel resorts in the world including the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa and Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland. Welcoming over 55 million visitors per year, these developments are among the highest profile dining, entertainment, gaming, hotel and sports-anchored destinations in the country. Over the generations, The Cordish Companies has remained true to the family’s core values of quality, entrepreneurial spirit, long-term personal relationships, and integrity. As a testimony to the long-term vision of its family leadership, The Cordish Companies still owns and manages virtually every business it has created. For more information visit www.cordish.com or follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/cordish).

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About Md. Washington Minority Contractors Association, Inc.

In 2002, Md. Washington Minority Contractors Association, Inc. (MWMCA) originated to advocate for minority and women construction trade contractors because so much work was being completed without the utilization of said firms. Eleven (11) years later, in 2013, MWMCA evolved into Md. Washington Minority Companies Association and expanded its scope of work to include all types of

companies: trade contractors, suppliers, and service providers. MWMCA has a unique offering of services with one mission in mind, "Connecting Large & Small Businesses to Work Together." Please visit our website at www.mwmca.org for more information.