Mohegan Sun to host workforce development information series

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REVERE — Mohegan Sun announced it will host a series of workforce development informational sessions at two Boston area community colleges in partnership with the Massachusetts Casino Careers Training Institute (MCCTI).

The events, which will be held at North Shore Community College's Lynn Campus on March 26 and Bunker Hill Community College on March 27, will help students and local residents learn more about the breadth of career opportunities at Mohegan Sun's proposed \$1.3 billion destination resort casino at Suffolk Downs in Revere.

"We are excited about our partnership with MCCTI and for the opportunity to connect with students and local residents within the community college system," stated Mitchell Etess, CEO of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority. "Mohegan Sun Massachusetts will generate thousands of new jobs that provide opportunities for career growth and advancement, and we believe that community colleges play a critical role in providing the gaming industry with direct access to a skilled and job-ready workforce."

The Workforce Development series is designed to provide students and local residents with an overview of the casino industry and more information about the important role that the community college workforce will have within Mohegan Sun.

During the information sessions, Mohegan Sun representatives will discuss possible career paths, including food and beverage, hospitality, slots and table games, human resources and other back of the house operations positions. College and Mohegan Sun representatives will be on hand to answer any questions.

"We look forward to this opportunity for our students to learn more about this new industry," said North Shore Community College President Dr. Patricia Gentile, formerly of Atlantic Cape Community College in New Jersey, which manages the workforce training for gaming and resort operators in Atlantic City. "It's critical that our students understand the breadth of job opportunities and types of career paths that are available at a destination resort casino beyond gaming and hospitality, and to hear first-hand from employees — many of whom come from relatively similar career backgrounds."

Bunker Hill Community College and North Shore Community College are part of the Massachusetts Casino Careers Training Institute, a consortium created by the state's 15 community colleges and

numerous workforce development agencies throughout the Commonwealth. In early January Mohegan Sun and MCCTI signed an agreement to work closely to develop curriculum and training programs in new labor markets such as table games, gaming technology, casino accounting and finance and materials management.

The series will launch at North Shore Community College's Lynn Campus on Wednesday, March 26 from 2-4 p.m., which will then be followed by an event on the Charlestown Campus of Bunker Hill Community College on Thursday, March 27 from 3-5 p.m. Both events are open to the public.