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Penn National Gaming Honored with AFL-CIO Community Service Award

Job Creation, Commitment to Charitable Giving Cited

Columbus, Ohio – Penn National Gaming has been honored with the AFL-CIO Community Service Award presented by the Central Ohio Labor Council AFL-CIO and the United Way of Central Ohio Community Services Department.

"This award recognizes the contributions Penn National Gaming has already made to our community, and their commitment to continue their support through economic development and charitable giving," said Walt Workman, Executive Director, Central Ohio Labor Council AFL-CIO. "The company is providing thousands of good jobs during the construction of Hollywood Casino Columbus, and will continue to provide much-needed jobs on the West Side when the casino begins operations this year."

"At Penn National Gaming, we have a deep commitment to the communities in which we operate," said Eric Schippers, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for Penn National.

"Receiving this award is a distinct honor for us, and we think it sends a message to the central Ohio community as to the kind of corporate citizen and good neighbor we intend to be for many years to come. The casino going up on the West Side is a great example of what happens when corporations such as ours, organized labor, and community leaders work together for the benefit of all."

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Penn National Gaming owns, operates or has ownership interests in gaming and racing facilities with a focus on slot machine entertainment. The company presently operates 26 facilities in 19 jurisdictions in the U.S. and Canada. The company will open two new casinos in Ohio this year – Hollywood Casino Toledo in late May, and Hollywood Casino Columbus later this year, creating a total of 3,200 new permanent jobs in Ohio and tens of millions of dollars a year in tax revenue for the state, all 88 counties, Ohio's eight largest cities and every school district in the state. Penn National is investing \$400 million on Columbus' West Side, and \$320 million in Toledo.

At Hollywood Casino Columbus, 27 different union signatory contractors have performed work on the project so far while 17 different union trade labor organizations have provided workers to the project. Over 1,500 union tradesmen have worked on the site to date and over 800,000 man-hours have been worked on the project thus far.

In 2012, Penn National Gaming partnered with United Way of Central Ohio and its general contractor Smoot Construction to implement a fundraising campaign during construction of Hollywood Casino Columbus. The Penn National Gaming Foundation has pledged up to a \$10,000 match of funds raised by United Way of Central Ohio during the course of the construction project.

The AFL-CIO Community Service Award is presented as part of the annual George Meany Awards Banquet. This event, hosted by Central Ohio Labor Council AFL-CIO and the United Way Community Services Department, recognizes local business and labor leaders who have given outstanding volunteer service to the community. This banquet is the largest labor recognition of its kind in the country.

2012 Honorees

2012 George Meany Award: Tony Jones, President, Teamsters Local 413

This award is given to a local labor union member whose leadership and voluntary commitment through the labor movement's community services programs have made a significant contribution to the community.

2012 Community Service Award: Penn National Gaming, Inc.

The AFL-CIO Community Service Award is given to a community volunteer whose leadership and involvement has made a significant contribution to the community.

2012 Central Ohio Scout Award: Robert J. Wall, Sheet Metal Workers Local 24

The Central Ohio Labor Council AFL-CIO Scouting Awards are local recognitions presented to male and female union members for outstanding service to youth through the programs of the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

2012 Youth Services Award: West High School Link Crew, Columbus City Schools

The Central Ohio Labor Council AFL-CIO Youth Services Award is given to a student or group of students who have voluntarily given their time to help others in the community.

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