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### **GARY BUSINESS TO BUSINESS SHOWCASE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES LOCAL SUPPLIERS, VENDORS URGED TO REGISTER FOR FRIDAY**

**Gary, Indiana**-The City of Gary encourages suppliers and vendors to attend the Business to Business Minority Showcase to be held at the Majestic Star Event Center this Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The city and Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson have partnered with Spectacle Entertainment, the new owner of Majestic Star Casino, to host the showcase targeting women and minority suppliers and vendors. The showcase will offer businesses a first-hand opportunity to diversify business relationships and to network with public and private procurement agents across the state of Indiana.

Those attending the Business to Business Showcase will additionally be able to assimilate certification requirements, regional contract opportunities and consult with successful businesses including Spectacle and Majestic Star Casino Management.

“One of the most important aspects of the work of larger businesses and employers is their connection to smaller local businesses,” stated Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson. “Spectacle shares our commitment to ensure opportunities for Gary businesses. We encourage our local businesses to take advantage of the opportunity on Friday and to be among the first to partner with Spectacle.” Spectacle has an extensive list of buyer commodities with over 70 categories where suppliers and vendors can connect.

Spectacle Entertainment purchased Majestic Star Casino in March this year and immediately expressed their desire to collaborate with minority vendors. “We are excited to provide networking opportunities for both local and regional businesses,” stated Jahnae Erpenbach, Executive Vice President of Operations for Spectacle Entertainment & General Manager for the Majestic Star Casinos. “This event exemplifies

community principles on which our company was founded.” Majestic Star Casino CEO Rod Ratcliff said, “We are appreciative that Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson has afforded us these opportunities to make meaningful connections with local businesses.”

The business event is being held in partnership with Spectacle Entertainment, the Gary Sanitary District, the Gary Housing Authority and other entities engaged in the procurement of goods and services.

Register free at [www.majesticstarcasino.com/showcase](http://www.majesticstarcasino.com/showcase)

Registration: 12:30 p.m.

Welcome/Greeting: 1:00 p.m.

Open to the Public: 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Majestic Star Event Center is located at 1 Buffington Harbor Drive, Gary, IN. For more information and registration, visit [www.majesticstarcasino.com/showcase](http://www.majesticstarcasino.com/showcase). Buyer Commodities list attached.

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