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MWMCA MINORITY OUTREACH FAIR COMES TO LIVE! CASINO & HOTEL MARYLAND BRINGING SMALL, MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS TOGETHER

Biannual Event Connects Small, Minority and Women-owned Businesses with Over 140 Leading Companies for Contract Opportunities

Hanover, MD (December 15, 2023) – The Cordish Companies and Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland today partnered with the Md. Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA) again this year in an ongoing effort to connect small-, minority-, and women-owned businesses with large companies throughout the region for networking and potential contract opportunities. On the list of over 140 exhibitors in attendance was Amazon, bringing over \$1B in contracts available in the near term.

This Minority Outreach Fair took place at The HALL at Live! Casino & Hotel on Thursday, December 14, 2023 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Attendees met and networked with businesses including Anne Arundel County Central Services, Purchasing Department, Baltimore County Public Schools, Barton Malow Builders, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Exelon Corp, PNC Bank, Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland, Stanley Black and Decker, and more. A full list of exhibitors is available on the [MWMCA website](#). Admission to the event, parking, and exhibitor participation were all free of charge.

“The Minority Outreach Fair is always a popular event and one that supports our community beyond the walls of the property,” said Ryan Eller, Executive Vice President & General Manager of Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland. “We are very proud that over the years, our Minority Outreach Fairs have assisted thousands of small, minority-owned businesses build their business.”

Amazon identified registered small businesses in advance to meet with one on one at the Minority Outreach Fair, which aims to identify contractors, vendors and trades of all sizes and assess their capabilities in upcoming work and projects.

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.

“It’s well known that women- and minority-owned businesses face unique challenges as a result of their own intersectionality,” shared Wayne Frazier, President of the MWMCA. “Events like the Minority Outreach Fair strive to break down those walls and eliminate the barriers that these business owners face. Partnering with The Cordish Companies and Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland provides us with a venue to bring together exhibitors and minority-owned businesses in an environment that promotes opportunities for all.”

To learn more about the event, 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 Maryland

The five-time AAA Four Diamond rated Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland opened in 2012 and is one of the largest and most luxurious commercial casinos in the country. Offering guests a range of activities including gaming, entertainment, world-class dining and hotel accommodations, Live! Casino & Hotel is consistently ranked the top tourist attraction in the state and was named one of the top 10 hotels in Maryland by U.S. News & World Report. Located between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, and adjacent to the popular Arundel Mills Mall with free garage parking, the property features one of the area’s biggest entertainment venues, The HALL at Live!, along with Maryland’s #1 Sportsbook with partner FanDuel at Sports & Social Maryland. Other amenities include nearly 200 live action table games and 4,000 slot machines, a large Poker Room, two High Limit Rooms featuring onsite masseuse, and the Orchid Gaming & Smoking Patio. The award-winning hotel features 310 luxury guest rooms, the luxurious Live! Spa offering an array of rejuvenating and age-defying spa treatments and five spa level hotel suites that include private in-room treatment areas, and The Cordish Art Collection complete with more than 40 pieces of contemporary art from world-renowned artists including Andy Warhol. Multiple dining options including Zagat-rated The Prime Rib and the County’s only Korean barbecue restaurant KOHO Korean BBQ House. Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland is owned and operated by a company that is affiliated with The Cordish Companies. More information can be found at www.Maryland.livecasinohotel.com.

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](#).

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About Md. Washington Minority Companies 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.