

Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Celebrate Grand Opening of New Event Space and Hotel Tower

Hundreds of business and community leaders from across the metro area came together yesterday evening to celebrate the grand opening of Mystic Lake Center – the newest hotel rooms and event space in the Twin Cities. Owned and operated by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC), and located 25 minutes southwest of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, the addition makes Mystic Lake Casino Hotel one of the largest hotels in the metro area, with 766 total rooms.



Showcasing a modern, natural design, Mystic Lake Center can accommodate groups of all sizes for a range of meetings and events – from business meetings, conferences and expos, to weddings. The 70,000 sq. ft. meeting and event space features three large ballrooms with flexible layouts, several smaller meeting rooms, and an executive conference room, all with state-of-the-art technology and access to Mystic Lake’s award-winning culinary team. The nine-story hotel tower, called “The Promenade,” features 180 rooms, all with a spectacular view of the Meadows Golf Course.

“From the opening of Mystic Lake Center to hosting four nights of entertainment at Club Nomadic during Super Week in February, it’s an exciting time for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and Mystic Lake Casino



Hotel,” said Angela Heikes, President and CEO of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community’s Gaming Enterprise. “Mystic Lake Center is now one of the most sought-after places for events in the region, and it’s a reflection of the SMSC’s commitment to creating an outstanding, memorable experience for everyone who visits its enterprises.”

As the community celebrates its grand opening, Mystic Lake Center is already becoming a popular destination with a number of large-scale events booked at the center through 2023.

The design of Mystic Lake Center is inspired by Minnesota’s natural scenery. The center features wall décor and lighting that reflects the colors of the seasons, textured carpet in blue and gray tones depicting the movement of a flowing river, custom chandeliers with a water drop design, and abundant natural light. The center’s western façade features more than 11,000 sq. ft. of dynamic SageGlass with state-of-the-art electrochromic technology that reacts to sunlight, preventing glare and heat gain without the need for blinds or solar controls.

Mystic Lake Center created hundreds of construction jobs, and now adds 120 new permanent jobs to the gaming enterprise. Native American employees accounted for more than 25 percent of the total construction hours for Mystic Lake Center.

The project was led by PCL Construction Services, Inc. and designed by Worth Group Architects & Designers.

Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise Breaks Ground on \$400 Million Casino

More than eight years after the project was first announced, the Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise (TOGE) recently broke ground on the permanent, full-scale home for its Desert Diamond West Valley Casino. The new facility will feature a 75,000 sq. ft. casino floor with Class III slot machines, poker and blackjack tables, and live bingo, as well as five restaurants. Construction of the \$400 million project will last an estimated 24 months.

Construction of the project is being headed by the Hunt/Penta Joint Venture as general contractor and will

create over 1,500 construction jobs. Once complete, the full-scale casino will employ approximately 1,600 people. The facility is located on 54 acres of reservation land near the cities of Glendale and Peoria, AZ. The full-scale casino will complement the region’s vibrant sports and entertainment attractions, including Glendale’s Westgate Entertainment District and Peoria’s P83 Entertainment District.

The Tohono O’odham Nation first announced the major casino project on Jan. 29, 2009. The casino project faced significant challenges from special interests in court and in