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Guidance Regarding Northeast Indiana Casino Applications and Proposals

- Pursuant to IC 4-33-6.8-2, if the voters of Allen County, DeKalb County, or Steuben County approve inland casino gambling in the county, the Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) shall begin accepting applications and proposals for awarding a license to operate an inland casino in the county or counties in which the voters approved inland casino gambling.
- Interested applicants shall utilize the Commission’s Casino License Application (State Form 46456) which will be provided upon written request to Occlie@igc.in.gov. The application fee is \$50,000. Current Indiana licensed casino owners must submit the application and fee but may cross-reference to their existing application on file with the Commission where applicable.
 - Applicants shall also submit to the Commission as part of their application a Northeast Indiana Inland Casino proposal which includes the required information contained within IC 4-33-6.8-2 and IC 4-33-6.8-3. Please be advised that pursuant to IC 4-33-6.8-4, submitted proposals will be publicly disclosable documents. As such, confidential material which is not subject to public disclosure laws shall be clearly designated and submitted with the application. This proposal must be submitted with the Casino License Application.
 - After applications are submitted, Commission Staff will identify the applicants’ key persons who must make themselves available to have their fingerprints submitted electronically in Indiana for efficient processing. This will be coordinated with Commission Staff.
- The deadline for the submission of applications and proposals for the Northeast Indiana Inland Casino is December 1, 2026.
- Not later than January 15, 2027, the Commission shall make applications available to the public and make an informational summary of the applications available to the public.
- In the event that a supplemental bid is requested by the Commission, additional information about this process will be provided to applicants.
- After receipt of applications and proposals, the Commission will determine the appropriate date for Commission action at a business meeting.
- Not later than April 15, 2027, the Commission shall issue a final decision approving or denying each application.
- The Commission is committed to a transparent process for the review and awarding of the Northeast Indiana casino license. This guidance will be updated as appropriate.
- Questions concerning the application and investigation process can be directed to our Investigations Division and general questions can be directed to our Legal Division, both can be reached at 317-233-0046.