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Gaming Board Prepared to Share Information with Special Investigator

CHICAGO – The Illinois Gaming Board is poised to share more than 3,000 pages of documents with Mr. Eric Holder, a special investigator hired to review the Board's decision in selecting the winning bidder for the 10th casino license, said Elzie Higginbottom, Chairman of the Illinois Gaming Board said Tuesday.

The Board cannot forward the documents to Mr. Holder until the Illinois Attorney General's Office resolves contract waiver issues with Mr. Holder's firm. Last week the Board completed reviewing Mr. Holder's contract and has since been prepared to work with him to move his investigation forward.

"The Illinois Gaming Board is committed to fully cooperating with Mr. Holder," Chairman Higginbottom said. "The Board is hopeful the Attorney General and Mr. Holder quickly settle their differences allowing Mr. Holder to initiate his investigation."

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