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## Illinois Gaming Board Awards Contract for Chicago Gaming Feasibility Consultant

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Gaming Board ("IGB"), with the consent of the City of Chicago, Friday published a Notice of Award selecting Las Vegas firm Union Gaming Analytics to conduct a feasibility study for a casino in Chicago. The IGB's retention of a nationally recognized casino gaming feasibility consultant was required by the Illinois Gambling Act, Public Act 101-31. Union Gaming Analytics will present its study regarding the feasibility and ability to finance a casino in Chicago to Governor JB Pritzker, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and legislative leaders in August. The City of Chicago will pay for the study.

Union Gaming Analytics was selected following a competitive bidding process compliant with the Illinois Procurement Code. The IGB received a total of three bids. Two of the bids were disqualified as untimely because they were received after the bidding process deadline had passed.

The Illinois Gambling Act further mandates that the IGB make a determination ninety days after receipt of the feasibility study, based on the results of the study, whether to recommend to the General Assembly that it modify the terms of the Chicago casino license.