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Ohio Gaming Industry Expansion Moves Forward

COLUMBUS – Today the Ohio Department of Administrative Services announced that Spectrum Gaming Group of Linwood, N.J., and Moelis & Company of Los Angeles have been selected to advise the state on how best to harmonize Ohio's gaming policies and optimize gaming's benefit to Ohioans.

The firms were selected following a competitive evaluation process lead by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Office of Procurement Services in response to Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 904511 issued Feb. 18. The firms will be paid approximately \$400 per hour.

Ohio's gaming laws have been enacted over decades, without regard for how different types of gaming fit in with or impact others. Horse racing, the Ohio Lottery, casino gambling and possibly video lottery terminals all impact one another, therefore a comprehensive policy analysis of their operations and their local and state impacts will help inform policymakers' decisions moving forward. DAS will work with the firms to establish a deadline for the submission of their recommendations.