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June 26, 2013

Ms. Christy Ford Schlafly  
Owner  
Ford Hotel Supply  
2204 N. Broadway  
St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Ms. Schlafly:


I am pleased to announce the American Gaming Association's (AGA) 5<sup>th</sup> annual Diverse Vendor of the Year awards, which will honor the most successful M/WDBEs currently doing business with the gaming industry. As an AGA member, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. has been asked to nominate its top diverse vendor for this program. We have selected Ford Hotel Supply as our honoree. This nomination is based upon the relationship we have mutually developed, the quality of service rendered and the competitive pricing you have provided.

The AGA Diverse Vendor of the Year awards will be presented during the Gaming Industry Forum on the afternoon of Friday, August 16, 2013, in the Mid-South Convention Center at Harrah's Tunica in Tunica, Mississippi. The Gaming Industry Forum is annually held as part of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Institute's Mississippi Policy Conference, which draws influential members of the U.S. government and local community together for three days of networking and engaged discussion. It is our hope you will be able to join us in person to accept this award and speak briefly to attendees about your experience working with us. Members of Congress, gaming executives from companies across the industry as well as a variety of other business leaders and owners will be in attendance, which we hope will provide you an excellent opportunity to further expand your business network.

Please contact Maceo Jones at [william.jones@ameristar.com](mailto:william.jones@ameristar.com) or 816-414-7334 as soon as possible to confirm your receipt of this letter and recognition of this award. While it is not required that you be there in person to accept this honor, I do hope you'll make every effort to join us at this exciting event. **Ameristar is willing to offer assistance with either travel or lodging should you join us in Tunica.** As soon as you can confirm your participation, we will request Alan Erskine, research and membership coordinator of the AGA, to reach out to you and share more details about our program and the CBC event as a whole.

Congratulations again on this exciting honor. I truly hope you'll be able to join us as we celebrate your accomplishments later this summer in Tunica!

Sincerely,



Matthew A. Miele Jr.  
Corporate Vice President of Procurement & QA  
Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

cc: Alan Erskine