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**STADIUM PROJECT SEEKS OUT MINORITY  
AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES**

**Chester, PA** -- Chester Mayor Wendell N. Butler, Jr. joined with State Senator Dominic Pileggi and Chairman of Delaware County Council Linda Cartisano today in announcing that Clark Resources has been retained by Keystone Sports and Entertainment Group and the Buccini/Pollin Group to assist in identifying and securing Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and local business participation in the waterfront development project. “We recognized from the beginning that the level of public support for this project would require a firm commitment to ensuring that MBE’s, WBE’s and local businesses be given the opportunity to compete for the work to be done and we conveyed our expectations to the development team,” stated Mayor Butler. “The willingness of our private sector partners to embrace this philosophy, and to put their resources behind it, indicates very clearly that they understand what it means to be a true partner.”

In commenting on this announcement, Senator Pileggi noted that, “The significant State support for this project carried expectations for how the work would be performed.

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It is certainly rewarding to me to see that the development team understood those expectations and was willing to take this bold step to meet them.” County Council Chairman Cartisano also expressed her satisfaction with this latest step in the development process. “This support for the participation of local, minority and woman owned businesses in the project is just the first part of what we anticipate will be a major return on the investment of Delaware County in this project.”

Speaking on behalf of Keystone Sports and Entertainment Group, Nick Sakiewicz noted that, “We stated at the outset that we would bring a world class facility to Chester and we will. We also promised that we would be a great partner with the City of Chester and Delaware County in meeting that goal. This is just the first part of that promise.” Rob Buccini of the Buccini/Pollin Group echoed those sentiments. “When it is completed, we expect our project on the waterfront in Chester to be an extremely positive addition to the City and the County. But we also want the construction process to benefit the community as well. The addition of Clark Resources to our team will help us meet that objective.”

In describing his role in Chester, Clark noted that, “most developers want to do the right thing in terms of MBE and WBE participation but they are often not structured to be able to do the level of outreach needed to achieve the kind of success they aim for. What we do is provide them with the extra capacity to go beyond the traditional procedures and get directly involved with the prime contractors to help them find MBE and WBE sub-contractors.” According to Clark, “We have hit the ground running and have already ensured significant MBE and WBE participation in the initial project site work. We will continue working KS&EG, BPG and T.N. Ward and with the City and the County to assist them with MBE and WBE and local business involvement. I am confident that we will be successful in assisting the project in identifying and securing in excess of 20% of MBE and WBE participation in the project.”

Clark Resources is a consulting firm based in the Harrisburg area that specializes in assisting large projects with their efforts to secure minority and women owned business participation. His company most recently worked with the development team on Erie’s Presque Isle Downs casino development to enhance MBE and WBE participation in that project.

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