

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 21, 2025**

### **Resolution to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania State University: The Behrend College for the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness as a recipient of a Transformational Grant**

Whereas, ECGRA was formed to oversee and administer the investment and distribution of gaming funds in Erie County, Pennsylvania;

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of local government, businesses, and citizen groups working together in a public-private partnership to address neighborhood renewal;

Whereas, the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness envisions the following:

1. A future where the U.S. casting and forging industry thrives with a skilled and robust workforce
2. METAL (Metallurgical Engineering Trades, Apprenticeship & Learning) is unleashing the transformative power of technology and innovation to revitalize American manufacturing
3. The U.S. casting and forging industry faces a pressing shortage of skilled professionals, threatening the stability of our defense supply chain
4. There is a need for an additional 122,000 skilled professional, including skilled trades, engineers, and other critical roles

Whereas, in accordance with ECGRA's impact investment policy and by the recommendation of the strategic planning committee, ECGRA seeks to award a pilot agreement in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Pennsylvania State University: The Behrend College for the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Bylaws, resolves to adopt the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness transformational grant to the extent outlined in this document and attachments.

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

This resolution was passed on 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

July 17, 2025

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA