



Levy Restaurants Extends Partnership as the Exclusive Restaurant Partner for MECA Facilities

Omaha, NE – The Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority is pleased to announce that Levy Restaurants will continue to deliver restaurant caliber dining and hospitality during the 10 year deal.

Having been the exclusive restaurant partner for CenturyLink Center Omaha through planning stages and doors opening, The Board of the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority announced during their February meeting a unanimous approval of extending Levy Restaurants' partnership through a long-term contract, as the exclusive provider for TD Ameritrade Park and Century Link Center.

MECA President/CEO Roger Dixon commented on the relationship saying, "Since opening the doors at the CenturyLink Center, Levy Restaurants has been a creative and strategic partner. We are excited to continue our strong relationship with Levy and look forward to more unforgettable hospitality that they are known for providing."

"We feel honored and energized to continue such a great partnership and plan on taking a moment to celebrate the last ten years with our partners and our long-time guests at CenturyLink Center," says Andy Lansing, President and CEO of Levy Restaurants. "Just as enthusiastically we've got our eyes set on the future and are ready to bring to life plans for the next generation guest experience."

Levy is a James Beard and Ivy Award-winning restaurant company that transformed dining at major sporting and entertainment venues across the country. Levy was recently named one of the top 10 most innovative companies in sports by Fast Company magazine. The company's diverse portfolio includes award-winning restaurants such as James Beard-winning Spiaggia in Chicago, Fulton's Crab House, Portobello and Wolfgang Puck Grand Café at Walt Disney World Resort, renowned sports and entertainment venues and events including the Super Bowl, World Series, Kentucky Derby, NHL and NBA All-Star Games and the Grammy Awards.

The Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that builds and manages public venues in Omaha, Nebraska. After a vote of approval from the citizens of Douglas County in May 2000, MECA was formed to construct and operate Qwest Center Omaha. Formal operations commenced on August 25, 2000 with the signing of a 99-year Lease and Development Agreement with the City of Omaha. Qwest Center Omaha opened in September 2003 and its name was changed to CenturyLink Center Omaha in 2011. At the City's request, MECA assumed operations of the Omaha Civic Auditorium in July of 2004. In January 2009 MECA broke ground for TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, opening the stadium in April 2011.

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