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**CRANE TO BECOME PREFERRED VIDEO POKER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR  
FUNDING STOP CLIENTS**

***Strategic Alliance Will Create Illinois Jobs, Provide Convenience, Security for VGT Operators***

Burr Ridge, IL (January 26, 2010)—Crane Construction Company LLC, a 50 year old, Northbrook based construction company, has signed on to become the preferred contractor to customers of The Funding Stop LLC, an Illinois direct lender into the video gaming terminal (VGT) marketplace.

Specializing in pre-construction strategy, site evaluation and on-site management, Crane's current client list includes some of the state's most recognizable establishments in retail, lodging, commercial, residential and restaurant brands.

"Every VGT site in the state will likely require some level of development to meet the requirements set forth by the Illinois Gaming Board, including, but not limited to, walled partitions, electrical work and networking to meet municipal and manufacturing specifications," said Edgar Colomb, President of The Funding Stop. It is extremely important that the work be done to code so an operator's gaming license is never jeopardized. We selected Crane as a partner because of their outstanding reputation and ability to offer market-competitive prices to our customers."

The Funding Stop is currently the only direct lender in the VGT marketplace that offers financing for the ancillary development costs associated with installing and operating video gaming terminals, such as build-out, site controllers, vaults and furniture.

"This partnership is going to help us create jobs, which was the whole point of video gaming and the Capital Bill to begin with," said Jeffrey D. Crane, President of Crane Construction. "With hundreds of small businesses across the state making facility renovations all at once, we'll be working with sub-contractors from Woodstock to Belleville so they're ready on day one. The Funding Stop has been very forthright in making sure that construction for their clients will be convenient, cost-effective and certifiable by state regulators."

Crane Construction and The Funding Stop estimate that VGT-site construction and renovation will create several hundred jobs in Illinois in 2010, including union work for electricians, painters, and general construction.

Governor Pat Quinn signed the Video Gaming Act into law on July 13, 2009 to generate revenue and create jobs for the struggling Illinois economy. Since that time the Illinois Gaming Board has been drafting preliminary rules and regulations for the video gaming market. Equipment financing needs to support the legislation are estimated to be approximately \$1 billion, including VGT machines, vaults, build-out, security and network equipment

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### **ABOUT THE FUNDING STOP**

Based in Burr Ridge, IL, The Funding Stop provides flexible equipment financing programs and innovative sources of capital to help all VGT operators compete and grow. With nearly two decades of niche experience in the video gaming marketplace The Funding Stop is experienced at structuring creative financing solutions, providing solutions to qualified operators seeking machine finance. For more information: [info@thefundingstop.com](mailto:info@thefundingstop.com); (630) 320-3166 or [www.TheFundingStop.com](http://www.TheFundingStop.com).

### **ABOUT CRANE CONSTRUCTION, LLC**

Crane Construction Company LLC is a small firm with large capabilities. Its areas of expertise include not only large commercial projects but also multi-family residential, retail, restaurant, corporate and industrial facilities and rehab. They work for a limited, select group of Clients who require service, quality and cost efficiencies. Crane Construction Company LLC is owned by four individuals, of which each Principal has over thirty-five years of construction experience. These four individuals each serve as project managers, working nationwide for a number of Clients. This concept is rather unusual in the construction industry, as the principles of a construction firm of this size seldom serve as project manager, personally executing the project from beginning to end.