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Members of the [Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board](#) meeting in [Topeka](#) , Kan., voted 6 to 1 to accept a competing proposal from an [Iowa](#) casino operator.

Chickasaw Nation subsidiary [Global Gaming Solutions LLC](#) of Ada had wanted to build a casino near the exit off I-35 in [Wellington](#) , Kan., [Sumner County](#) . Global, which is owned by the tribe, is its own legal entity without sovereign rights and has other commercial assets such as [Remington Park](#) .

“It was a long and arduous process to get to this day, and we still feel that Global submitted the best and most solid proposal,” said [John Elliott](#) , chief executive officer of Global. “But we respect the board's decision and we appreciate their thoroughness and professionalism throughout this process. We also deeply appreciate the strong support of [Sumner County Commission](#) and the backing and the encouragement we received from the citizens of Wellington.”

The winning bid went to [Peninsula Gaming Partners LLC](#) of [Dubuque](#) , Iowa, with a proposal to build a world-class equestrian center as part of its casino-hotel complex near Mulvane, Kan., which is about 12 miles closer to Wichita than is Wellington.

In addition to the equestrian center, when Peninsula's Kansas Star is completed in 2015 it will have 2,000 slots, 50 tables and a 300-room hotel. Plans previously released also call for a 115-seat steakhouse and cocktail bar, a 250-seat buffet and a 40-seat food court.

Under Kansas law, Peninsula will be required to spend at least \$225 million developing the facility during the first 15 years. The state of Kansas will technically own the casino, and state and local governments will receive 27 percent of revenue, with the rest going to Peninsula.

Global had unveiled plans for a car racetrack that would be built at the casino-hotel development. At one time, the proposal included a 260,000-square-foot facility with 1,300

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electronic games, 40 blackjack tables, 20 poker tables, a 1,400-seat entertainment and events center, an 80-room hotel and capacity for six restaurants and bars.

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