



## MECA DIRECTOR OF TICKETING RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD; FACILITY FOOD SERVICE PROVIDER HONORED

**Omaha, NE** – The Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA) is pleased to announce that Director of Ticketing Jon Secunda was recently named *Venue's Today* 2015 Box Office Star. He was one of just three ticketing professionals in the country to be honored with the annual award. Secunda was presented his award January 13<sup>th</sup> at the INTIX conference in Denver. An article on the awards is featured in this month's edition of the trade publication.

Jon has been with MECA since 2009 and has more than 25 years of experience in event management and ticketing. Commenting on the award, Secunda said, "It is a great honor to be recognized by my peers. My success in ticketing is in large part due to the staff I work with at CenturyLink Center Omaha and TD Ameritrade Park Omaha whose goal is always to enhance the high level of customer service at MECA managed facilities."

In addition to Secunda's award, our Levy Restaurants team at CenturyLink Center Omaha and TD Ameritrade Park Omaha was named Levy Restaurants *Center for Excellence Award* winner for 2014. This award is a distinguished recognition for locations that are company role models and who consistently deliver the "Levy Difference" in every aspect of their business. Omaha's Levy team is one of only four in the company to receive the prestigious award.

### **About Us**

The Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that builds and manages public event venues in Omaha, Nebraska. The formal operations of MECA commenced on August 25, 2000 with the signing of a 99-year Lease and Development Agreement with the City of Omaha. CenturyLink Center Omaha opened in 2003. MECA is governed by a board of five appointed, independent directors and managed by a dedicated management team. Board members are appointed by the City of Omaha with appointments rotating between the City Council and the Mayor. Another public-private arrangement was completed to create a new home for the College World Series. In 2009, MECA broke ground on TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, which opened in 2011. The stadium is home to the NCAA Division I Men's College World Series, the Creighton Bluejays men's baseball team, and host to numerous other events.

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