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## **THE \$1,000,000 DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT SET TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**- 2014 WAS A RECORD SETTING YEAR FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY DAY OF RACING –**

VINTON, LA. – Boyd Gaming Corporation (NYSE: BYD) today announced that this year's \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (gr. III) for 2-year-olds will be held at its Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel on Saturday afternoon, November 21.

This year will mark the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot, which is contested at 1-1/16 miles on a dirt surface. The race is the second richest in the country for 2-year-olds and has become a springboard to the Kentucky Derby. Since its inception the race has produced a total of 12 starters, including six in the last three years, for America's most historic race at Churchill Downs.

Last year's \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot, won by Ocho Ocho Ocho, was part of a 35-race series that made up the third edition of the 'Road to the Kentucky Derby' point system. In 2012 Goldencents used his Jackpot victory to bankroll \$600,000 and earn 10 points toward his eventual starting position in the Derby before going on to win the Santa Anita Derby (gr. I) and the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (gr. I) twice. Goldencents recently retired to stud with total earnings of more than \$3 million.

The 2014 Delta Downs Jackpot Day program featured eight stakes races and over \$2.2 million in total purse money. The undercard was highlighted by the \$400,000 Delta Downs Princess (gr. III) for 2-year-old fillies won by the D. Wayne Lukas trainee Take Charge Brandi, who would later be honored with the Eclipse Award for champion 2-year-old filly of 2014. Live and simulcast race fans poured a Jackpot Day record \$5,203,535 through the wagering windows in 2014 which resulted in a 3.15% increase in handle year-over-year.

"We are so proud of our Jackpot Day program and how much it has grown in recent years," said Steve Kuypers, Vice President and General Manager of Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel. "Jackpot Day offers some the best quality and wagering opportunities in the sport and our team is eagerly looking forward to this year's event in November."

For the third year in a row Delta Downs will offer a guaranteed \$200,000 Jackpot Day Pick 4 during its biggest day of the year. The wager will feature the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot, the \$400,000 Delta Downs Princess as well as two other rich stakes races on the program.

Delta Downs Racetrack Casino and Hotel, a property of Boyd Gaming Corporation (NYSE:BYD), features exciting fun, casino action, live horse racing and great dining experiences. Delta Downs is located in Vinton, Louisiana, on Delta Downs Drive. From Lake Charles, take Exit 7 and from Texas, take Exit 4.

