## Exhibit VIII.C.5.b Overall Architectural and Building Plan

Submit as <u>Exhibit VIII.C.5.b.</u> a narrative description of the basis of the overall architectural and building plan, any unique or defining exterior and interior themes or characteristics and prevailing style. Describe how various aspects of the proposed plans are designed to interrelate and principal decisions as to the layout of the building program, consolidation or segregation of major functions/activities/uses and program to meet any constraints or opportunities presented by the Project Site. Describe how the programmatic and architectural decisions contribute to an overall superior customer experience or address unique challenges or opportunities of the proposed Gaming Facility and Project Site.

The overall architectural style is one that should be exciting for a patron to approach and partake in, but not overpowering for the neighborhood. The intent is to create localized energy both at the exterior and interior of the casino. As with many buildings, it is important to break up the casino low-rise so that the building doesn't dominate from the pedestrian scale. Therefore, each length of building elevation is broken down into smaller architectural features – a change in building height, an articulating façade plane, introducing canopies and lower building projections all help accomplish this. There will also be a change in building material, which offers different colors and textures to add interest to the building.

The building program allows certain elements of the design to be emphasized in the design of the building. The Entertainment Lounge allows for activities both inside and possibly outside, therefore that portion of the building is expressed architecturally from the exterior. Entries are also expressed to make it evident for patrons the access points into the casino.

Within the casino are many spaces that will energize the casino floor. In addition to the anchor spaces of Entertainment Lounge and Banquet, which are on opposite sides of the casino floor, the adjoining walls also have major functions. The entry to the north also includes a circulation space for guests entering on grade or from the second level pedestrian bridge. The south wall includes a fine dining steak restaurant, which shares it's active bar with the casino floor and is conveniently located next to the High Limit area with which it may share a private dining room which has proven popular at the Rivers Des Plaines Casino. The Market food venue will be unique and visually exciting, its kitchen can share support for Banquet functions; A Day Spa will offer an amenity to individuals or companions looking to relax. Poker and Offices are also off the main floor which is convenient.

Another unique feature of the site is the Mohawk River. The Gaming Facility can take advantage of that amenity by introducing hotel, banquet and meeting room spaces that face the river. The floor plan also suggests a large patio that can be used by the guests. When the weather permits, patrons may go out onto the patio, so views to the river – and landscape in the foreground – are achieved from both inside and outside of these spaces.