

MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FRIDAY FACTS

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MOVING DAY FOR MDA

The Mississippi Development Authority is moving to a new home! Beginning May 30, MDA will begin relocating to the newly renovated Woolfolk Building in downtown Jackson.

During the move, computer systems will be shut down and telephone service will be interrupted periodically for approximately a week.

All phone numbers will remain the same. Our new physical address will be Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

We ask for your patience during this transition.

MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP SET FOR JUNE 5

Officials with the Mississippi Development Authority's Minority Business Enterprise Division and the Stone County Economic Development Partnership will host a free Business Development Workshop targeting new and expanding minority and women-owned businesses, June 5th in Wiggins, Mississippi. The workshop will be held at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, 51 Main Street, Heidelberg Hall, Perkinston. The workshop begins at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

"This workshop will be a great opportunity for individuals to obtain information that could prove to be most beneficial to their businesses. The workshop will cover such topics as financing, marketing, SBA certification and loan program. Also an overview of services provided by our Agency will be presented," said Genny Jones, director, Mississippi Development Authority, Minority Businesses Enterprise Division.

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another."

- Walter

For additional information please contact, Joycie Lenoir at 601-359-3448 or Darlene Judge at 601-928-5418.

NISSAN PLANT SUBCONTRACTOR/VENDOR/SUPPLIER INFORMATIONAL AND OPPORTUNITY WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Extension Service, Panola County in Batesville, Mississippi, the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) will host the fourth of a series of statewide workshops to discuss MDA subcontractor/vendor/supplier opportunities on the Nissan Project for small, disadvantaged and minority businesses.

Workshop organizers will discuss construction progress, MDA's construction opportunities on the Nissan Project, and MDA's Minority Business Enterprise programs and services.

The workshop is free and open to the general public.

The Mississippi Extension Service is located at 394 Highway 51 South (at Highways 6 and 51).

Other sessions are also scheduled statewide throughout the month of June: June 5 in Jackson, June 7 in Lexington, June 12 in Tupelo, June 14 in Gulfport/Biloxi, June 19 in Meridian and June 21 in Columbus.

Please contact Joycie Lenoir at 601-359-3448 or Toni Cooley at 601-355-5911 for more information or to make reservations to attend any of the workshops.

TURTLE CREEK MALL TOPS IN SPECIALTY LEASING

Turtle Creek Mall won the "Highest Volume Increase in Specialty Leasing" Award for malls between 600,000 and one million square feet at the 2001 Annual Conference of CBL & Associates, Inc. held in Chattanooga, TN. CBL, a real estate investment trust, owns Turtle Creek.

Almost 50 managed malls located in 17 states attended the 21st edition of the conference.

Turtle Creek was a finalist in four other award categories: "Highest Volume Increase in Gift Certificate Sales," "Highest Percent Increase in Gift Certificate Sales," "Best Leasing by a Mall Manager" and "Team of the Year."

Turtle Creek boasts 939,591 square feet, the fourth largest mall in Mississippi. Its anchors include McRae's, Dillard's, Goody's, JCPenney and Sears.

CBL, which is headquartered in Chattanooga and has a regional office in Boston, owns and/or manages 158 shopping centers in 26 states with an aggregate of approximately 55.9 million square feet.

FAST FACTS . . .

- The **22nd Annual Mississippi Picnic in Central Park** will be held on June 9, 2001. The event will take place in Central Park's East Meadow in New York City from noon to 6:00 p.m. Mississippians currently living in the New York area (and some still residing in Mississippi) celebrate the event to reconnect with their Mississippi roots. Join Governor Musgrove for an event to remember. For more information, contact Alexis Brown at 601-359-3449 or Lauren Watts at 662-844-5413.
- The **Mississippi Market** is just around the corner. On June 8 and 9, Mississippi manufacturers, craftsmen, wholesalers and service providers will showcase their products to retail establishments in one convenient location. For more information, contact Jenny Wilkinson at 888-886-3323.
- Staff from the Communications and National/International Divisions recently attended the **International Development Research Council's (IDRC) Pacific Northwest World Congress** May 12 – 16 in Seattle, WA. The theme of the event was "Leveraging Technologies in an Internetworked Economy." Throughout the meetings, staff interacted with media, consultants and companies looking to locate or expand.

During the IDRC World Congress, the Nissan project was named one of the **Top 10 Deals** of 2000 by *Site Selection* magazine.

The Nissan Project was also recognized by *Southern Business & Development* and *Plants, Sites & Park* as one of the Top Deals of 2000.

IDRC's Texas World Congress will be held in Dallas/Fort Worth from October 20-24, 2001.