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**LEFLORE COUNTY AWARDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT**

JACKSON, Miss., October 19 – Leflore County has been awarded a \$496,284 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to upgrade waste-water facilities and construct an access road to Heartland Catfish announced J.C. Burns, executive director, Mississippi Development Authority today.

Leflore County submitted the CDBG Economic Development Public Improvements application on behalf of Heartland Catfish.

Heartland Catfish currently processes 675,000 fish per week. Their goal is to increase production to 1,000,000 fish per week. The company will invest \$8,150,000 in buildings and equipment creating 100 new full-time and/or full-time equivalent jobs. At least 51% of these jobs will be filled by or made available to low- and moderate-income persons.

“I am pleased the State of Mississippi can be a partner with Leflore County and this project,” said J.C. Burns, executive director, Mississippi Development Authority.

As a result of this project, the Mississippi Department of Mental Health has committed to creating a total of 35 full-time and/or full-time equivalent jobs, of which at least 51% would be filled by or made available to low and moderate-income persons.

The CDBG program provides funding to localities with populations of 50,000 or less for economic development, public facilities and projects.

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