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**BRINKLEY AWARDED WOMEN IN BUSINESS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR  
AWARD BY SBA**

Jackson, Miss. - Lisa Tate Brinkley with the Mississippi Development Authority has been named the Women in Business Advocate of the Year in Mississippi for 2002 by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Brinkley is the newest member of the Minority Business Enterprise Division's (MBED) team. She serves as the business development consultant for MBED's new Greenwood office, which opened last month.

"We are very proud of Lisa's accomplishments," said Gennie Lacy Jones, Director of the Minority Business Enterprise Division. "Lisa brings such a wealth of experience and commitment to MBED and this award is further evidence of her talents and qualifications."

As part of National Small Business Week set for May 5-11, state and national winners are recognized in a number of categories, including: Small Business Person of the Year, Financial Services Advocate, Minority Small Business Advocate, Accountant Advocate, Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Small Business Journalist and Veteran Small Business Advocate. The national theme for this year's Small Business Week is "Small Business: Where America Works."

The Mississippi District of SBA will honor all winners during a special event and reception on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in Jackson. Activities begin at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact Gary Reed at (228) 863-4625, ext. 14.

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