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**MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY HOST BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM DURING MED WEEK**

Greenwood, Miss. - The Mississippi Development Authority's (MDA) Minority Business Enterprise Division (MBED) and Mississippi Valley State University Center for Economic Development will sponsor a Business Development Breakfast Symposium in recognition of **National Minority Enterprise Development Week**. The symposium is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2002 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Science Building Auditorium on the Mississippi Valley State University campus in Itta Bena, Mississippi.

The theme for the event is "Strategies for Growth in the Mississippi Delta Economy, Part II: The Entrepreneurial Economy." The Honorable Willie Simmons, State Senator, 13<sup>th</sup> District, will be the keynote speaker. Local resource partners will also be available to provide information about small business opportunities.

National Minority Enterprise Development Week, or MED Week, is coordinated nationally, regionally and locally each year to create a forum for the discussion of major issues impacting minority enterprises. MED Week activities also offer excellent networking and contracting opportunities for participants. This year's event commemorates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official designation of MED Week by Presidential Proclamation in 1983.

This symposium is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and registration is required. To register, contact Moonyea Ousley with the Center for Economic Development at (662) 254-3462 or Lisa Brinkley with MBED at (662) 455-4508.

For more information about MED Week activities, contact MBED's main office at (601) 359-3448 or visit [www.mississippi.org](http://www.mississippi.org).

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