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## MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPONSORS ENERGY POSTER CONTEST

Jackson, Miss. – The Mississippi Development Authority's (MDA) Energy Division is sponsoring a statewide poster contest in recognition of Energy Awareness Month celebrated annually in October.

"Solar Energy – America's Future" is this year's theme. The contest is open to public, private and home-school students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. A poster selection committee will select four posters from each grade level to be featured in a 2003 wall calendar produced by MDA's Energy Division. One additional poster that best depicts the theme of the contest will also be selected for the calendar. The calendars will be distributed free to schools, governmental agencies and the general public.

Posters must be 9" x 12" or 12" x 18" in size and be drawn on white, brown, manila or construction paper with pencils, pens, crayons, chalk or paint. Copyrighted characters are not allowed (e.g. Sponge Bob, Pokemon, etc.). All posters must be submitted to the Energy Division by Friday, October 18, 2002 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Marietta Devine with the Energy Division via telephone at (601) 359-6600 or 1-800-222-8311 or via email at <u>epatrol@mississippi.org</u>.

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