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**MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST WILL HOST
TRI COUNTY JOB FAIR JUNE 19**

JACKSON, Miss., - The B.E. "Mac" McGinty Civic Center located in Pascagoula, Mississippi will be the site for the Tri-County Job Fair, Tuesday, June 19. The job fair begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. The event, free to the general public, is being held to provide opportunities for individuals seeking employment and also to assist employers with their needs.

"This administration is committed to doing everything we can to assist our most valuable resource, our people. The Tri-County Job Fair is another example of our plan to assist displaced workers utilizing the resources and talents of various organizations both public and private to join together and work quickly to address their needs," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

According to Joe Buckner, event director, "Response from business and industry has been outstanding. Currently we have registered over 50 employers and anticipate more. The job opportunities with these companies are numerous and excellent, with a wide range in skill level and type, both professional and technical."

Due to an anticipated large number of participants, applicants are encouraged to arrive early. Applicants will begin the job fair process by first completing a brief registration form. Next, they receive a brochure listing all registered employers with their booth numbers and job openings.

"We know from past experience that many applicants will receive a job offer on the day of the job fair. Many others will receive job offers during the following days or weeks," added Buckner.

For additional information, please contact: Joe Buckner at 601-961-7507 or on the coast, Ron Publik at 228-377-8592.

A toll free phone number is available for displaced workers to call for information regarding services available from the Mississippi Development Authority. The number is 1-800-762-2781.

The following organizations are registered to exhibit at the Job Fair:

B&D CONTRACTING, INC., BEAU RIVAGE, CDI MARINE COMPANY, CHEVRON, CINGULAR WIRELESS, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL - KEESLER AFB, COAST TO COAST SERVICES, INC., DANCEL COMMUNICATIONS, DELTA TOWING, LLC., ECOQUEST INTL., GRAND CASINO BILOXI, HANCOCK BANK, INFINITY SERVICES, JOHN JONES & ASSOCIATES, INC., JOULE INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, MARY KAY COSMETICS, MCDONALD'S - GULFPORT/MOSS POINT/LUCEDALE/GAUTIER/WIGGINS, MESC - GULF COAST WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA SIX, MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND, MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD, MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DIVISION, MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, MISSISSIPPI TROOPS TO TEACHERS, MUNRO PETROLEUM & TERMINAL CORP., NEW ORLEANS METAL TRADES COUNCIL/PASCAGOULA METAL TRADES, NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS (NAF), KEESLER AFB, NORTHROP GRUMMAN INGALLS SHIPBUILDING, INC., NPC INTERNATIONAL, PRESIDENT CASINO, PRIMERICA (MEMBER OF CITIGROUP), RGT MANAGEMENT INC./TACO BELL, SCHWAN'S SALES ENTERPRISES, INC., SEABULK OFFSHORE LTD., SIMPLE2NET/INCOMNET, SINGING RIVER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, SINGING RIVER HOSPITAL SYSTEM, SINGING RIVER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, TIDEWATER MARINE, TREASURE BAY CASINO RESORT, UNIVERSAL PERSONNEL, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA - ADULT DEGREE PROGRAM

Sponsors of the event are:

Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Jackson County Economic Development Foundation, Jackson County Board of Supervisors, Mississippi Development Authority, Mississippi Employment Security Commission, Gulf Coast Workforce Investment Board/Business Services Corporation, WIN Job Centers, Harrison County Development Commission, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, Keesler Air Force Base, NCB Gulfport and Naval Station Pascagoula.

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