

## MEMO

To: Michael Boyd  
From: Kelly Riley  
Date: February 11, 2000  
Subject: Department of Labor: Workforce Development Funds Contact

I spoke to **Barbara Kelly** (404/562-2000) in the Atlanta Office. She happens to be Mississippi's rep to DOL in Washington as well as our contact in the regional office. She said that it would be difficult to identify workforce investment funds the state has missed due to non-participation, particularly those funds that were awarded on a competitive basis. She did say that Mississippi missed out on approximately \$13 million because Governor Fordice refused the "Welfare to Work" formula money. The Governor had to request these pre-determined funds and Fordice would not sign the order. As to programs/expenses these funds could be used for, Barbara said to search the main DOL web site (dol.gov) for "employment training administration" or "ETA" funds or programs.

She said that Mississippi should definitely have a Workforce Investment Act Board in place with service delivery areas in order to submit the state plan (due 4/1) and apply for those funds.

Barbara's home number is **770/384-1384**. She said that she has caller ID, so if she is out on errands and sees a 601 number this weekend, she will call you back. She is emailing the Regional Administrator for DOL's Employment and Training Administration (Toussaint Hayes, 404/562-2092) for him to prepare some information for us Monday morning.

Barbara wants to set up a conference call for early next week to discuss immediate critical issues for Mississippi. I told her that you could discuss that w/ her on Monday. She also wants to set up a DOL visit to Mississippi for DOL representatives to meet w/ the Governor, appropriate staff and department heads.