
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM**

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES
DATE: 7/5/00
CC: BOYD
SIMMONS
TELL

Donna shared an earlier memo concerning the Jobs for Mississippi Graduates program with Armerita who has asked me to express the following concerns with you. She said that she may be totally off base, but that she is thinking of your goals and your getting the credit for any action this administration takes.

Governor Mabus initiated Jobs for Mississippi Graduates. Armerita read in the memo where Governor Mabus has expressed an interest in chairing the board and she is concerned as to his associating with the program for future use. She feels that we should discuss this.

DHS issued six RFPs this past Friday soliciting proposals to be funded with TANF funds. Michael Raff and Jean Hendrix were to meet this morning to discuss the RFP because DHS is hoping to provide funds to Jobs for Mississippi Graduates through this RFP process. Raff stated that Dr. Fletcher would like to see these funds leveraged with other funding sources (i.e., other agencies) because DHS does not feel it in the best interest of the program's future to fund it only with TANF funds because TANF funds may only be existence for a few more years.

Armerita stresses that you should know who all of the players in the game are and who the players are loyal to. Dr. Cole and I met with the following this morning concerning the Jobs for Mississippi Graduates program: Jean Hendrix, Executive Director of Jobs for Mississippi Graduates; Joy Milam, Department of Education; Jean Denson, DECD; Mike Larsen, DECD; and, Michael Raff, DHS

Armerita suggested that she, Donna, you and I meet to connect all of the players involved before Dr. Fletcher awards the contracts.