

One-Stop Centers
Workforce Training Director
Press Conference
10:00 a.m.

Talking Points

- When we developed the new economic development plan for the state of Mississippi, we highlighted the importance of having a trained workforce that could fill the needs of business and industry in our state.
- When Nissan officials announced plans to locate their \$930 million facility in Mississippi they listed one of the reasons for their choice: Mississippi's high quality workforce.
- It takes a coordinated and consolidated training efforts to provide the best qualified workforce possible.
- We are committed to that training, and to giving the people of Mississippi every advantage possible to get good jobs.
- Mississippi's One-Stop Centers can help.
- Our state's One-Stop Centers are a one-stop delivery system designed to meet the needs of

business, job seekers and people who want to further their careers.

- In one convenient location job seekers and employers can get information about a wide variety of employment and job training services.
- At One-Stop Centers employers can find qualified workers with the skills they needed to grow their business.
- At One-Stop Centers, job seekers can
 - get help with developing a resume',
 - use computers at the center to write letters, develop their resume's and access the internet for job postings
 - receive tips on job searches,
 - prepare for an interview and
 - fax their resume' to employers
- The One-Stop Centers are federally funded and we are working together with agencies, community and junior colleges and the Mississippi Employment Securities Commission to coordinate our efforts and make the most of every federal dollar committed to educating and training Mississippians.

- Whether we are training potential employees or potential civic leaders, federal resources must be maximized and ongoing training efforts must work collaboratively.
- Through the development of these centers we are better utilizing our resources.
- We are cutting down on the duplication of services we provide across the state, and we are maximizing and efficiently managing our funds.
- We are growing our services across Mississippi and now have more than 25 One-Stop Centers throughout the State.
- That means more Mississippians have access to these services that will help them improve the quality of life for themselves and their families.
- I would like to introduce the person who has the important role of employment training for the State of Mississippi.
- Jim Lott.

- Jim comes to Mississippi from San Antonio, Texas where he has served as Vice President of Workforce Development with Goodwill Industries.
- In that capacity, Jim managed workforce development services and Welfare-to-Work Grant, as well as overseeing the Job Help Centers.
- Among his prior experiences, he has served as the Senior Policy Analyst for the North Carolina Governor's Office of Workforce Development, and he served as a Workforce Investment Act Implementation Team member, contributing to the drafting of the WIA regulations.
- He has been with us as the Director of Employment Training since January 2, 2001.
- And in that short time, he has made some great strides.
- We look forward to the positive effect Jim will have on the programs and opportunities our state provides to help the people across Mississippi prepare for, and achieve good jobs.

- Please help me welcome Jim.