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MDOC Central Office Employee Receives Inaugural Employee Recognition Award

Jackson—The first employee recognition awards ceremony for the Mississippi Department of Corrections Central Office was held in Jackson today. At the inaugural ceremony Commissioner Robert L. Johnson and Deputy Commissioner of Institutions Chris Epps recognized Alus Amos with the Employee of the Month Award.

“Alus drives the operation of my office so smoothly and so professionally that most people do not have a clue as to how she does it,” said Deputy Commissioner Epps. “She is motivated, dedicated, committed and competent. I am eternally grateful to her.”

The MDOC Employee Service Award Program originated in July 2001 and August was the first month to nominate fellow MDOC employees for the following awards:

- Correctional Officer of the Month;
- Field Officer of the Month;
- Staff Employee of the Month; and
- Security Employee of the Month.

In addition, MDOC established the Heroism Award and Extra Effort Award. The Heroism Award is given to MDOC employees who go above and beyond the call of duty in heroic efforts to either save the life of an individual protect other lives from encountering life threatening situations. The Extra Effort Award is designed to recognize employees who go the extra mile or take on additional duties to assist in a project in order to get it done.

MDOC will hold awards ceremonies each month for Central Office, the state’s three (3) prisons, and Community Services Division to officially recognize outstanding employees.

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Alus Amos, MDOC Central Office Employee of the Month and Commissioner Robert L. Johnson.

Central Office Award Recipient

Alus Amos, Administrative Assistant VII, was nominated by her supervisor Chris Epps for the Staff Employee of the Month Award. Epps stated in his nomination that “as the Deputy Commissioner of Institutions, there are over 3,000 positions under my organizational chart. We receive numerous phone calls daily. Alus always maintains a positive attitude, treats the callers with respect and handles all matters appropriately.”

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MEDIA NOTE: If you would like a digital photograph of the Service Award winner, contact Claire Papizan at (601) 359-5689 or by email at cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us.