

# ***Mississippi Development Authority***

## ***FRIDAY FACTS***

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*“Opportunity is a moving target, and the bigger the opportunity, the faster it moves.”*

*-- Richard Gaylor Briley*  
Are You Positive?

### **NISSAN UP-DATE**

### **NISSAN TIMELINE**

January 22	Contracts awarded for the first phase of roads and highways development to Eutaw Construction Company.
January 22	Press conference held statewide to announce mailing of 41,000 letters and update on supplier meeting
January 25	Pre-proposal meeting held at 2 p.m. Robert E. Lee Building
January 29	Phase B proposals due to Mississippi Major Impact Authority
January 29	Applications for suppliers due to Nissan
January 30	Phase B contract awarded
February 19-23	Supplier meeting to be held
April 1	Turn over building pad to Nissan
April 1	Nissan begins building construction
April 6	Groundbreaking ceremonies

The plant, with a capacity of 250,000 vehicles a year, will produce a full-size pickup truck, a full-size sport-utility vehicle and the next generation Nissan minivan. Production of the first vehicle is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2003. Initially, 3,300 people will be employed, with a potential employment level of 4,000 in the future.

Additional information as it becomes available is posted on the web at:  
[www.mississippiandnissan.com](http://www.mississippiandnissan.com)

### **LAWRENCE COUNTY CDA/CHAMBER SEEKS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

The Lawrence County Community Development Association and Chamber of Commerce in Monticello are seeking an Assistant Director to handle office and financial management, meeting coordination, newsletter writing and preparation, updating web site, and assist with prospect recruitment and grant-writing. And approximate introductory salary range of \$18,000 to \$24,000/yr. is available, based on the successful candidate's qualifications and experience. A complete job description is available by calling (601) 587-3007. Candidates should send a resume to Paul McLain, Lawrence County CDA/Chamber, P.O. Box 996 Monticello, MS 39654 on or before February 2, 2001. Resumes may also be faxed to (601) 587-0765 or E-mailed to [lccda@telepak.net](mailto:lccda@telepak.net).

### **GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR TUNICA COUNTY AIRPORT**

The Tunica County Board of Supervisors, Tunica County Airport Commission, and the Mayor and Board of Alderman, Town of Tunica have broken ground on an expansion of the Tunica County Airport. "This is an example of a partnership with federal, state and local officials combining efforts to provide infrastructure that will have a direct and positive impact on economic development in the Delta," states Ken Murphree, County Administrator.

The expansion of the Tunica County Airport will be used to support the growing needs of the gaming industry as well as other economic development efforts. The ability to land 727s will enhance aviation travel and allow Tunica to evolve into more of a resort destination. Webster Franklin, Executive Director of the Tunica Convention and Visitors Bureau comments, "Being able to offer vacation packages complete with air fare will further solidify our position as the number three gaming destination in the United States."

Groundbreaking ceremonies, hosted by the Tunica County Chamber of Commerce, were held Tuesday, January 23. A crowd of nearly a hundred was there to witness this historical event. The "Tunica Miracle", as some in Tunica like to refer is becoming a reality.

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