

Mississippi Development Authority **FRIDAY FACTS**

"The innovator is someone who has the capacity not just of envisioning the future in an abstract, day-dreaming, fantasizing kind of way, but has the interest and the capability and the drive to actually do something about that vision."

-- William Thompson

JACKSON BASED COMPANY AWARDED UTILITIES DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT CONTRACT FOR NISSAN PROJECT

Monday, February 12, J.C. Burns, Executive Director, Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority (MMEIA) announced that CivilTech, a minority owned business, based in Jackson was awarded a contract for the oversight and coordination of the design and construction of the water and wastewater system that Canton Municipal Utilities is constructing for the Nissan plant. CivilTech will be a part of the MMEIA engineering and construction team that has overall management responsibility for the state commitments in support of the Nissan project. Work will begin immediately.

"We are delighted to see the project continue to progress at such a brisk pace," said J.C. Burns.

JOHNSON BAILEY HENDERSON MCNEEL ARCHITECTS LANDS INTERIOR OF NISSAN TRAINING BUILDING

"We are excited to be included in the Nissan project," announced Richard McNeel AIA, principal, Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel Architects. "The training building will be state-of-the-art and a statement for Mississippi."

The State of Mississippi and Madison County Economic Development Authority agreed to build Nissan an adjacent facility if Nissan chose the proposed site for their new plant. "Workforce training is important for every industry in Mississippi," commented Jerry Acy, Executive Director, MCEDA. "With this in mind, we are happy to assist Nissan with this building located in the Canton Industrial Park to be utilized until their permanent facility is completed on site."

“Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel will provide the interior fit out on the building. “We are working with MCEDA and Nissan to make sure that the facility is the building they envision,” explained McNeel. “It has been a pleasure to work will all involved.

The facility is slated to open in June 2001 so that Nissan can begin training employees for the plant operations. Malouf Construction is the contractor on the building.

JBHM is a full-service architectural strategists firm specializing in strategic planning, programming, design, space planning, and facility evaluation. The firm has offices in Jackson, Tupelo, Columbus, and Southaven, Mississippi.

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 31	Phase B contract awarded to Eutaw Construction Company
February 1	Minority and Small Business Coordinators selected – Denotee Martin Contractor, Inc., and Systems Consultants Associates, Inc.
February 1	Pre-proposal meeting held at 2 p.m. Robert E. Lee Building
February 7	Phase C contract awarded to Hill Brothers Construction Company and T.L. Wallace Construction Company
February 9	Utilities design and construction oversight contract awarded to CivilTech
February 12	Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel Architects named to provide the interior fit of the Nissan training building
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

Additional information as it becomes available is posted on the web at:
www.mississippiandnissan.com.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

Mississippi's trade potential will be discussed at the Governor's Conference on International Trade March 14 at the Crowne Plaza in Jackson.

The conference is a partnership between Governor Ronnie Musgrove's office and the Mississippi Economic Council with assistance from the Mississippi Development Authority.

The conference will have panel discussion on business perspectives on international trade and international trade in Mississippi's future.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and discussions will begin at 9:00 a.m. A luncheon will be held at noon and the event will adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

For sponsorship or ticket information, call (800) 748-7626 or (601) 969-0022.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR SUNFLOWER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Director sought to supervise all foundation activities, including staff, respective to the mission of the organization and represents the Sunflower County EDF's Board of Directors to the general public and to the media regarding economic development activities. Send resume, cover letter and salary requirements by March 9, 2001, to Barbara Travis/MarketLynx Consulting – P.O. Box 5976 – Brandon, MS 39047-5976 (mktlynx@bellsouth.net).

NATCHEZ ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

The Natchez-Adams County Economic Development Authority seeks an experienced, aggressive, results-oriented professional to plan, direct, and implement the community's economic development strategies. Natchez/Adams County is a community of 35,000 residents in Southwest Mississippi. Requirements include a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university; an economic development certificate from a

credentialing agency or equivalent work experience; at least five-years experience managing a staff and office operations; demonstrated grant-writing skills; a willingness to travel at least 25% of the time. Competitive salary and benefit package. Application deadline is March 20,2001. Interested and qualified candidates send resumes to: EDA Search Committee, Natchez-Adams County Economic Development Authority, P.O. Box 700, Natchez, MS 39121. No telephone calls please.

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