

Mississippi Development Authority

FRIDAY FACTS

"We are committed to creating better jobs with higher wages.

We are committed to making sure our citizens are trained for better paying jobs to ensure a higher quality of life."

J.C. Burns, executive director, Mississippi Development Authority

NISSAN INFORMATION

Potential Suppliers

Companies interested in doing business with Nissan should send information packages to:

Nissan North America, Inc.
Purchasing Department, Bin 18U
Attention: Canton Plant
983 Nissan Drive
Smyrna, TN 37167

Professional Employment

Individuals interested in sending their resumes to Nissan can call the employment line established in Smyrna, Tennessee.

The telephone number is 615-355-2243. The recorded message provides information about Smyrna job openings first, followed by the Canton information.

Web Site

A web site has been established to provide current information regarding the project. The address is www.mississippiandnissan.com. The site has recorded over 300,000 hits since Nissan's announcement was made November 9, 2000.

ENERGY DIVISION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS HONORED

Energy, a division of the Mississippi Development Authority recently honored the winners of a student poster contest sponsored to promote October Energy Awareness month.

The 2001 Energy poster competition was held in October for private, public and home-schooled students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. A poster review committee selected four posters from each grade level that will later be featured on a full color, 24" x 36" wall calendar. One additional poster best depicting the theme of the competition, "Renewable Energy, Today and Tomorrow," was also selected to appear on the calendar.

The young artists were honored at an awards luncheon held at LeFleur's Bluff State Park Clubhouse in Jackson. Each winner received a plaque, a giant puzzle of the State of Mississippi, a tour of the Mississippi Natural Science Museum, a tee-shirt and a canvas tote bag. The winning posters will be featured in a full color wall calendar with each winner's name, grade, school and hometown appearing under his or her own poster.

This year winners include:

Amy Shapley, Fourth Grade, St. Richards Catholic School, Jackson; Elizabeth Higginbotham, Fourth Grade, Walls EL, Walls; Jessica Nycole Bonner, Fourth Grade, Beat Four EL, Waynesboro; Koby Lander, Fourth Grade, Sullivan EL, Southaven; Victor Gibbs, Fifth Grade, Seminary EL, Seminary; Elizabeth Paterson, Fifth Grade, Presbyterian Christian School, Hattiesburg; Brittany Morgan, Fifth Grade, Beat Four EL, Waynesboro; Diva LaSha Williams, Fifth Grade, Beatrice Fulwiler EL, Greenville; Wesley Sturdivant, Sixth Grade, Pine Hills Academy, Gloster; Ben Thames, Sixth Grade, Newton Middle, Newton, Callaghan Starrett, Sixth Grade, St. Richards Catholic School, Jackson and Anna McNair, Sixth Grade, Biggersville EL, Corinth. The overall theme winner was Mikey Arceo, Sixth Grade, St. Richards Catholic School, Jackson.

QUALITY FOODS ANNOUNCES EXPANSION

The Simpson County Development Foundation has announced that Quality Foods will be expanding their facility in Magee, Mississippi. Quality Foods announced at the development foundation's luncheon a \$2.2 million dollar freezer/cooler expansion.

Quality Foods first opened its 128,000 square foot facility in Simpson County in 1996 and expanded its operation by over 20,000 more square feet in 1998. Since 1996 employment levels have grown to over 200 and will continue to grow with the new addition. This second expansion will increase the freezer space to cover approximately 70,000 total square feet.

Phillip Tappan, President and COO for Quality Foods told the crowd that gathered for the announcement that, "It makes more sense to expand here (in Simpson County) because of good work ethics. He said the company had other location options around the state but management had been pleased with their Simpson County experience and by what Simpson County had to offer and therefore chose to expand here.

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