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**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DIVISION HOSTS BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP IN TUNICA COUNTY**

Jackson, Miss. - The Minority Business Enterprise Division (MBED) of the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) will host a Business Development Workshop on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at the G.W. Henderson, Sr., Recreation Center at 1165 Abbey Drive in Tunica, Mississippi.

This workshop is part of an ongoing series of training and development workshops targeting the state's minority and woman-owned business community.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Minority Surety Bond Guaranty Program
- Minority Business Certification Program
- Financing
- Procurement
- Planning and Development Districts

Representatives from MBED, Tunica County and local business entities will be presenting the various sessions in an effort to educate minority and women business owners about the opportunities available through the state and other resources to grow their businesses.

For more information or to register for the workshop before April 12, contact Donnie Moncure at 601-359-3448.