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CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI HISPANIC BUSINESS ALLIANCE HOSTS BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE

Jackson, Miss. – The Central Mississippi Hispanic Business Alliance (CMHBA) will host a Breakfast Roundtable on Friday, April 26, 2002. The breakfast will be held at the Edison Walthall Hotel in downtown Jackson from 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. The event targets the Hispanic business community throughout the state.

This special networking opportunity is co-sponsored by the Mississippi Development Authority's (MDA) Minority Business Enterprise Division (MBED).

Hector V. Barreto will be the special guest speaker for the event. Barreto serves as the Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration. He was nominated to the post by President George W. Bush. As SBA Administrator, Barreto directs the delivery of financial and business development programs to entrepreneurs across the nation. Barreto has a long history in the corporate sector and the small business community. Prior to taking his current position, he served as Vice President of the Board for the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Site visits are also scheduled as a part of the event. Three Hispanic businesses in the Jackson area will be highlighted: Tailoring by AI, Red Penguin Jackson Ice Cream Company and HT Long Distance. Tailoring by AI recently received a Micro Loan through the Minority Business Enterprise Division along with assistance in the application process.

“Through the Minority Business Enterprise Division, MDA can provide technical and certification assistance to many of the companies involved in this event. We are pleased to continue our support to all minority-owned businesses,” said Gennie Lacy Jones, Director of MBED. “The breakfast roundtable and the site visits demonstrate the collaborative efforts of MDA, CMHBA and other organizations and how success can grow from those partnerships.”

For more information about the event, contact MBED at 601-359-3448 or Rosemary Barbour with CMHBA at 601-914-7845.

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