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MONTFORT JONES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO MAKE ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

KOSCIUSKO, MS – Montfort Jones Memorial Hospital in Kosciusko, MS, will soon be feeling the effects of a comprehensive retrofit of its energy systems. In a ceremony on March 19, 2002, Governor Ronnie Musgrove will present hospital officials with a \$298,084 check to fund Phase I of the project. The money comes from a loan secured through the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) Energy Division's Energy Investment Loan Program, which offers loans to approved applicants for the express purpose of either designing or improving the energy efficiency of a business.

“Improving the infrastructure of Mississippi’s health care community is important to economic development,” said Governor Ronnie Musgrove. “By making these energy improvements, Montfort Jones Memorial Hospital shows its commitment to providing quality health care for the people of Kosciusko and Attala County.”

Using a program called Performance Contracting, an energy services company was selected to do an assessment of the hospital facility, make certain recommendations for improvements, and implement the measures that were selected. With the assistance of the MDA, the hospital board selected Johnson Controls from a group of vendors who submitted proposals in response to a Request for Qualifications.

“Our staff worked closely with both the Mississippi Development Authority and Johnson Controls,” said Thomas Bland, hospital administrator at Montfort Jones Memorial Hospital. “We look forward to realizing the energy savings while providing better comfort for our patients and employees.”

The total cost of the energy project, to be accomplished in two phases, is \$815,470, with an estimated annual energy and operational savings of \$46,978.

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