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**MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S NEWLY FORMED
REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION ANNOUNCES NEW MANAGERS**

New approach will allow better delivery of services to communities, businesses and economic developers in Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss. – In February 2003, the Mississippi Development Authority announced the formation of its new Regional Services Division. Designed to better deliver programs and services to communities, businesses and economic developers across the state, the Regional Services Division includes seven regional offices located in Greenwood, Meridian, Hattiesburg, Tupelo, Biloxi, Summit and Jackson.

“The Mississippi Development Authority is continually searching for new and innovative ways to meet the needs of communities across the state. Our Regional Services Division is now structured to deliver our programs and services in the most efficient and effective way possible,” said Robert J. Rohrlack, Jr., Executive Director of MDA.

Steve Hardin, Director of the Regional Services Division, agrees that this new approach will be beneficial for the entire state: “By consolidating programs and services and having experienced, knowledgeable leadership through the Regional Offices, MDA can make our resources more accessible to the people we serve.”

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A total of 24 staff members, including the director, comprise the division. The managers and contact information for each regional office are as follows:

Northwest Regional Office:

Frank Short, Manager

522 West Park Village, Ste. O

Greenwood, MS 38930

Phone - 662.455.4508

Fax – 662.455.7903

Counties served: Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Desoto, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Montgomery, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, Washington, Yalobusha

East Central Regional Office:

Mitchell Howard, Manager

2401 11th Street

Meridian, MS 39301

Phone – 601.692.2006

Fax – 601.484.2579

Counties served: Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Lowndes, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Scott, Smith, Webster, Winston

Southeast Regional Office:

Angie Cognevich, Manager

420 West Pine Street

Hattiesburg, MS 39403

Phone – 601.545.4001

Fax – 601.545.4006

Counties served: Covington, Forrest, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry, Wayne

Northeast Regional Office:

Bill Mobley, Manager

330 West Jefferson Street

Tupelo, MS 38804

Phone – 662.844.5413

Fax – 662.842.3667

Counties served: Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union

Gulf Coast Regional Office:

Bill Webb, Manager

1636 Popp's Ferry Road, Ste. 203

Biloxi, MS 39532

Phone – 228.396.5518

Fax – 228.392.0940

Counties served: George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Stone

Southwest Regional Office:

Paul Walker, Manager

Southwest Mississippi Community College

Brumfield Building

Summit, MS 39666

Phone – 601.276.3089

Fax – 601.276.3870

Counties served: Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, Wilkinson

West Central Regional Office:

Manager (TBA)

501 North West Street

Jackson, MS 39201

Phone – 601.359.3593

Fax – 601.359.2832

Counties served: Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, Yazoo

For more information about MDA's programs and services, contact the Regional Services Division at 601.359.2457 or visit MDA on the World Wide Web at www.mississippi.org.

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