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## Lake Tiak-O'Khata Site of Louisville Area Job Fair Tuesday, November 5

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Jackson, Miss., - Governor Ronnie Musgrove's Job Fair Network along with area sponsors are hosting a Louisville Area Job Fair, Tuesday, November 5, 2002 in the Honeysuckle and Pine Ridge Hall at Lake Tiak-O'Khata. Hours for the event are 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

"This administration is committed to doing everything we can to assist our most valuable resource, our people. The Louisville Area Job Fair is another example of our plans to assist Mississippians utilizing the resources and talents of various organizations both public and private to join together and work quickly to address their needs," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

Joe Buckner, director of the Governor's Job Fair Network said, "Our objective is to bring together employers and individuals seeking a good job. The job opportunities with the participating companies will be numerous and excellent with a wide range of skill level and type, both professional and technical. We have thirty-three employers participating this year."

The Governor's Job Fair held last year at Lake Tiak-O'Khata resulted in the following:

Number of job applicants – 900+

Approximate number of visits to employers booths by job seekers -3,344

Number of resumes submitted – 939

Number of on-site interviews conducted – 833

Number of provisional job offers extended – 355

Number of firm offers extended – 69

Projected number of hires from this job fair during the next year -554

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Job Fair sponsors included: Mississippi Employment Security Commission, Winston County Economic Development District, Louisville/Winston County Chamber of Commerce, City of Louisville, Town of Noxapater, Winston County Board of Supervisors, Small Business Development of Mississippi State University, Small Business Development center of East Central Community College, Star 107, Winston County Journal, Mississippi Development Authority, WIN Job Centers and Mississippi Army National Guard.

"We look forward to hosting job fairs throughout the year. The job fair tomorrow will be the 10<sup>th</sup> one we have hosted this year. We appreciate and value the corporate business community assisting with our efforts to be of assistance in building our workforce," Buckner commented.

During this past year, the Governor's Job Fair Network had over 500 employers meeting with 15,000 job seekers. Of this number, approximately 3,000 job offers were made the day of the Job Fair.

For upcoming job fair events or additional information point your browser to: http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair.