

Mississippi Development Authority
P.O. Box 849
Jackson, MS 39205

Media Contact: Sherry Vance, Director of Communications, 359-3041

Date: January 31, 2002

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**STATE'S ENERGY PROGRAM TO SAVE THOUSANDS IN OPERATING COST
FOR KOSCIUSKO HOSPITAL**

JACKSON, Miss., - Officials with the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) along with representatives from Monfort Jones Memorial Hospital (MJMH), announced today plans are being finalized for a comprehensive retrofit of the hospital's lighting, heating, cooling, and garbage disposal system.

Energy Services, a section of Johnson Controls, an energy services company, was selected through a formal bid process, with the assistance of MDA's Performance Contracting program to conduct an assessment of the facility, make certain recommendations and implement the measures that were selected. Under a performance contract project, the energy service company guarantees the savings. Financing is arranged so that the energy and operational savings will pay off the implementation cost with no requirement of advance funds.

The total cost for the two-phase project will be \$815,470. The first phase will be funded with \$298,084, through MDA's Energy Investment Loan Program. The hospital received funding from a local financial institution for the remainder of the amount under Phase II. It is estimated, annual energy and operational savings will be \$46,978.

"As we demonstrate our commitment to invest in our communities, business and industry leaders will be attracted to Mississippi and all we have to offer their companies," said Robert J. Rohrlack, Jr., CED, Executive Director, and MDA.

According to Donald Thompson, P.E. Staff Engineer for the Energy Division of the MDA, "By using performance contracting, MJMH will be able to make needed upgrades to their heating and cooling systems, modernize their interior lighting systems and make other changes that will have a positive impact on the patients and staff."

The proposed scope of work includes a complete retrofit of the lighting system, installation of a direct digital control energy management system, new comfort cooling and comfort heating equipment, upgrades to the ventilation system, and waste management improvements.

(MORE)

“Monfort Jones Hospital’s staff worked closely with MDA and Johnson Controls over the past several months. Their knowledge and experience helped us understand the process and identified areas that needed attention. We look forward to implementing the recommendation from their study and start realizing the energy saving,” stated Thomas Bland, Hospital Administrator.

“Johnson Controls is pleased to have the opportunity to work with MDA in assisting Monfort Jones Memorial Hospital in making needed improvements,” says Brandon Hinton, Johnson Controls Healthcare Account Executive. “The citizens of Kosciusko are very fortunate to have Mr. Bland at the helm of their local healthcare facility and to have a dedicated Board of Directors.”

For additional information concerning performance contracting and funding projects using future energy savings, contact the Energy Division of the Mississippi Development Authority at (601)-359-6600.

-30-

The mission of the Energy Division of the MDA is to foster and secure a reliable energy system that is environmentally sound and economically sustainable. To that end, the division oversees state and federally mandated programs which address energy efficiency activities such as the State Energy Management Program and renewable energy resources. The division contributes to economic development by providing technical and financial assistance to improve energy efficiency.