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MINORITY AND SMALL BUSINESS COORDINATORS HOST MEETINGS TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WITH NISSAN PROJECT

JACKSON, Miss., May – The Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority announced today their plan to afford all businesses, particularly disadvantaged and small businesses, an opportunity to seek business from the Nissan project. Systems’ Consultants Associates, Inc., small business coordinator for the project along with representatives from the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) will present information at one of 10 seminars at different geographic locations beginning May 10, 2001.

“We are pleased with the continued progress of the Nissan project. When completed the plant will employ 4,000 high paying jobs for the citizens of Mississippi. Other indirect jobs have the potential of reaching upwards of 26,000 and will offer an opportunity for all our citizens to enjoy a better quality of life,” said J.C. Burns, executive director, Mississippi Major Impact Authority.

“These seminars should prove to be educational and beneficial to our business community as they prepare themselves to conduct business with the Nissan corporation,” said Gennie Lacy Jones, director, Mississippi Development Authority, Minority Business Enterprise division.

Dates for the meetings are:

City	Date
Greenville	Thursday, May 10, 2001
Natchez	Tuesday, May 22, 2001
Hattiesburg	Thursday, May 24, 2001
Batesville	Tuesday, May 29, 2001
Jackson	Tuesday, June 5, 2001
Lexington	Thursday, June 7, 2001
Tupelo	Tuesday, June 12, 2001
Gulfport/Biloxi	Thursday, June 14, 2001
Meridian	Tuesday, June 19, 2001
Columbus	Thursday, June 21, 2001

Systems Consultants Associates, Inc., is tasked to work closely with prime contractors, minority contractors, and disadvantaged contractors to facilitate potential participation in the contracts awarded by the state.

These services are being offered at no charge to participating companies to assist them in identifying methods and strategies for involving minority, disadvantaged, and small business participation in the execution of the work with the Nissan project. ###