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### **Tupelo WIN Job Center Hosts Open House**

TUPELO, MS – The Mississippi Partnership through Three Rivers Planning and Development District will host an open house of the Tupelo WIN Job Center on March 21, 2002, from 2-4 pm, at Spanish Village on Thomas Street in Tupelo, MS.

“We encourage employers, as well as job seekers, to visit the WIN Job Center during the open house,” said Bill Mims, office manager for the Tupelo WIN Job Center. “Employers can learn about new resources and services available to them, such as on-the-job training and customized training, while job seekers can inquire about services designed to help them find the job that best suits them.”

WIN in Mississippi is a locally driven program, overseen by the Board of Supervisors of each county. At the WIN Job Centers, job seekers take advantage of services such as skills assessment, job training or re-training, employment information and educational opportunities in an effort to obtain a job or acquire skills for better employment opportunities. Employers benefit from WIN Job Centers, as well, by locating job seekers who are trained and ready to work.

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, known as WIA, provides the framework for WIN in Mississippi and is administered statewide by the Employment Training Division of the Mississippi Development Authority.

“Every WIN Job Center is a local connection that brings together extensive resources and information under one roof,” said Jim Lott, director of the Employment Training Division. “For example, job seekers can access job training, education, and employment services, and employers can post job openings and get current information on the skills their workers will need to be competitive – all at one location.”

WIN in Mississippi is delivered locally through six Workforce Investment Areas, including the Mississippi Partnership that serves 27 counties in north Mississippi. Partners in this area include: Mississippi Employment Security Commission, Itawamba Community College, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, Mississippi Department of Education, and Mississippi Department of Human Services.

The Tupelo WIN Job Center is open daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, except on Wednesdays, when it closes at 4:00 pm.

For more information on the Tupelo WIN Job Center Open House, please call 662-842-4371.

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