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GOVERNOR OPENS WIN TRANSITION CENTER FOR LAID OFF WOKERS

Quitman, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove officially opened the Regional WIN (Workforce Investment Network) Transition Center today in Quitman, Mississippi.

“This facility brings services and programs to assist laid-off workers in Clarke, Wayne, Jasper, Lauderdale and Newton Counties,” said Governor Musgrove. “It is another outstanding example of how state, local elected officials and businesses work together for positive outcomes. I commend the Twin Districts Workforce Area for leading the effort to establish this center.”

Governor Musgrove also presented a \$100,000 grant to Paul Mosley, president of the Clarke County Board of Supervisors. The grant, part of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program administered by the Mississippi Development Authority’s Employment Training Division, will provide county leaders with funds to implement a plan to study recent plant closures in the area, and develop strategies for averting future closings.

The Regional WIN Transition Center will concentrate its capabilities on the dislocated (laid off) workers to lessen the impact of unemployment and assist them with services, skills training and other programs that will help them get back to work.

Within the WIN Transition Center are many Workforce Investment Network (WIN) partners and programs including the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, Jones Junior College and Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

The Center will also house an extensive computer center with Internet connection for job searches and to post resumes. Classes on resume writing and interview techniques will also be conducted.

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