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MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON SET FOR JUNE 13

More than 200 participants from across the state will meet in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 13, 2002, for the Mississippi Main Street Association's Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon. The event is scheduled for 12:00 noon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Jackson.

Mayors, alderpersons, other elected officials, Main Street managers and representatives from the state's forty active Main Street programs and member towns will hear about the many accomplishments that established Mississippi as the number one Main Street program in the nation in 2000. Mississippi continues to lead the nation in private/public investment in the state's Main Street communities.

"Since 1993, the Main Street Program in Mississippi has been responsible for over \$1 billion in private/public investment, 1,838 new businesses, 1,140 business rehabilitations and 15,326 new jobs," stated Beverly Meng, Executive Director. "Urban sprawl has refocused citizens, businesses and developers back to our downtown commercial districts. In spite of a slowing economy, Main Street continues to be a shining star in the state's economic portfolio," added Meng.

Main Street, a program of the Mississippi Development Authority, is the most successful economic development program under the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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