

J. C. Burns, Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, announced today he is resigning from the position he has held since January 2000.

“My decision to leave the Mississippi Development Authority was made based on personal issues, and that is where my focus needs to be right now” Burns said. “This decision was not reached in haste, nor was it reached in response to the work that has been done at MDA. I am proud of the work that has been done with this agency in the past 19 months, especially the Nissan project, and I am confident this work will continue.”

Burns, a former banker and native of Batesville, was named to the position at MDA by Governor Ronnie Musgrove.