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GOVERNOR'S JOB FAIR NETWORK PRODUCES IMPRESSIVE RESULTS FOR CLARKE COUNTY

(Jackson, MS) – The Governor's Job Fair Network sponsored the Clarke county Job Fair in Quitman, Mississippi, on Tuesday, March 25, the second such event sponsored this year. Throughout the day, over 650 applicants met with 28 regional companies about employment. In addition, the Quitman Workforce Investment Network (WIN) Job Center was available to assist pre-registered applicants with resumes and job skill assessments.

"Our goal in these job fairs is to help people get a job," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove. "We are working to bring people together with companies that are looking to hire."

Over 160 on-site interviews were conducted, with 189 firm or conditional job offers extended. "We anticipate that over 200 additional jobs will be filled in the course of the next 12 months. This was a quality event with tremendous job opportunities for local citizens," said Joe Buckner, Director of the Governor's Job Fair Network.

Along with the Governor's Job Fair Network participants, sponsors of the event included the Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Clarke County Chamber of Commerce, City of Quitman, Clarke County Economic Development District, Town of Stonewall, Mid-Mississippi Economic Development District, H.C. Watkins Memorial Hospital, BankPlus, Mississippi Power Company, Mississippi Army National Guard, Clarke County Tribune, Quitman Broadcasting Company, and the Town of Enterprise.

The next event sponsored by the Governor's Job Fair Network of Mississippi will be held on April 15, 2003 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi, Mississippi. For more information contact Joe Buckner 601-961-7507 or Frank Riley 601-961-7454 or www.jobfairs.ms.gov.

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