

MDA E-News January 5, 2009**Toyota Office Opening, 950 Jobs Saved, Funding Awarded, 2009 Marketing Plan****Toyota's Administrative Office to Open at Blue Springs Plant**

On January 5, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi's administrative offices will begin operations from the Blue Springs plant. While the office was under construction, Toyota's administrative team worked from the Renasant Idea Center in Tupelo. The new office's address is: 1200 Magnolia Way, Blue Springs, MS, 38828.

Lee County Furniture Companies Receive FTZ Manufacturing Authority; Approximately 950 Jobs Saved

The U.S Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) Board recently approved FTZ manufacturing authority for Lane, H.M. Richards and Bauhaus USA, allowing these companies to maintain their in-house cut-and-sew operations rather than outsourcing to foreign locations. In turn, this will save approximately 950 jobs in Lee County. The approval will also reduce the companies' raw goods costs by over \$1 million per year. The three companies are located within the Greater Mississippi Foreign Trade Zone #158.

The Lee County Board of Supervisors began the application process in October 2003, and MDA and Governor Barbour provided assistance through the Mississippi Jobs Protection Act.

For more information, contact MDA's Existing Industry and Business team, or visit www.cdfms.org.

MDA Awards Funding for Three Improvement Projects in State

MDA recently awarded funding to three Mississippi communities through the CDBG Emergency Public Facilities and MS Rural Impact Fund (RIF) programs. To receive Emergency Public Facilities funding, a program must prove a particular urgency due to existing conditions that pose a threat to the health or welfare of a community. It must also meet other criteria, such as the date of occurrence of the emergency condition. The RIF program is designed to assist and promote businesses and economic development in rural areas by providing grants to rural communities. The awards, which total \$208,650, include:

- **Emergency Public Facilities**
 - **Town of Burnsville - \$30,650 to replace a water well**
 - **Town of Woodville - \$75,000 to replace the Fords**

- Creek sewage pumping station**
- **RIF Grant**
 - **City of Booneville - \$103,000 for sewer line improvements**

Team Mississippi Members Meet to Review 2009 Marketing Plan

Team Mississippi members met recently to review and approve the Team Mississippi 2009 marketing plan. The plan includes the distribution of promotional materials to site selection consultants as well as special events designed to showcase the state's culture, heritage and recreation.

Team Mississippi, a collaborative approach to marketing the state, is a partnership between MDA and its utility allies: Mississippi Power; Entergy Mississippi; Electric Power Associations of Mississippi; the Tennessee Valley Authority; and the North Mississippi Industrial Development Association. Last year, Team Mississippi made contact with over 120 site selection consultants through events and promotions.

To learn more, please visit www.teammississippi.org.