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Child Support Services of Mississippi's New Yazoo City Call Center Creates 80 Jobs

On Monday, June 28, officials from Child Support Services of Mississippi and state and local leaders held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the company's new Yazoo City, Miss., call center. The call center will create 80 new jobs in the area and represents a company investment of \$5 million.

Child Support Services of Mississippi is a division of YoungWilliams Child Support Services, or YoungWilliams, which is a Jackson-based firm that provides child support services to state and local governments. The company has been contracted by the Mississippi Department of Human Services to serve as a primary contact for the 340,000 child support cases in the state and to provide quick, convenient and customer-friendly service and information to support these cases.

MDA provided assistance for the project through the Growth and Prosperity Program (GAP), which provides tax incentives to companies that locate in economically-distressed areas. MDA also provided workforce training assistance through the On-the-Job (OJT) Training program.

Founded in 1993, YoungWilliams provides a variety of operational, call center and consulting services, in collaboration with state and local government agencies, in 10 states. The company employs over 700 people nationwide. For more information, please visit the company's website at www.ywcss.com.

Worthington Cylinders Announces Expansion of New Albany Facility; Adds 80 Jobs over Five Years

Officials from Worthington Cylinders, a global supplier of pressure tanks and pressure cylinders, have announced the company is expanding operations at its facility in New Albany, Miss. The expansion represents a company investment of more than \$11 million, and it will create 80 new jobs over the next five years; 30 of those jobs will be added this year. Currently, the New Albany facility employs 165 workers.

In 2009, Worthington Cylinders acquired Piper Metal Forming of New Albany. Recently, the company acquired Virginia-based Hy-Mark Cylinders and announced it will be relocating Hy-Mark's physical assets to its New Albany facility, where it will be increasing production of existing products and adding new product lines.

MDA provided assistance for the expansion with Momentum Mississippi incentives. The State also provided workforce training assistance to the company.

Worthington Cylinders is a division of Worthington Industries, which is a leading diversified metals manufacturing company that employs 6,400 workers in 64 facilities in 11 countries. Worthington Cylinders is the world's leading global supplier of pressure cylinders. With 10 facilities in the U.S., Canada and Europe, Worthington Cylinders offers the most complete line of pressure cylinders in the industry, including cylinders to hold liquefied petroleum, refrigerant, oxygen and industrial gasses. Balloon Time™ and Worthington Pro Grade™ products are available at retailers nationwide and provide consumers products for grilling, party planning, outdoor leisure activities and home repair. To learn more, please visit www.worthingtoncylinders.com.

"Doing Business with the Defense Logistics Agency" Workshop to be held July 6 in Gulfport

On Tues., July 6, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) will host "Doing Business with the Defense Logistics Agency" at the Handsboro Community Center, which is located at 1890 Switzer Road in Gulfport, Miss.

The workshop is part of a series of procurement training classes being conducted throughout the state by MPTAP, which is overseen by MDA's Minority and Small Business Development Division. The one-day event will provide a general overview of how the Defense Logistics Agency buys goods and services, as well as information on the different types of contract opportunities available to Mississippi companies interested in doing business with the agency.

The workshop is free-of-charge, but pre-registration is required. To

register, please visit www.mspsc.com and click on "Events" on the left side of the page. Then, select the calendar for July, and click on the "Doing Business with the Defense Logistics Agency" link on July 6th. A registration link will be located near the bottom of the page. For more information, please visit www.mspsc.com, contact Joycie Lenoir at jlenoir@mississippi.org or call 601-359-3448.

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