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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Mississippi Partnership for Economic Development Inc. this week forwarded the aggregate amount of \$67,000 in contributions as a grant to the Mississippi Development Authority for 2016. This is the third grant made since legislation was passed providing for a public-private partnership approach.

The Partnership committed to undertaking the fund-raising effort enabled by the State Legislature in 2012 through the passage HB 1349 for the purpose of providing a public/private partnership approach to providing the necessary funds for recruiting a professional economic developer to the MDA Director post through a national search process. The Partnership does not participate in any way in establishing goals or reviewing performance of the MDA, its director or staff.

A list of contributors and amounts for the 2016 grant is attached. They are also listed on the MDA website as required by the act.

“Public/private partnership approaches to economic development have been a legacy here in Mississippi,” said Partnership President Blake A. Wilson. “This is just one way that the private and public sector can share in the process for putting the right resources in place to assure that Mississippi continues to be in the place of greatest opportunity.”

MDA Director's Fund Contributors

A & B Electric Company , Inc.	500
Atmos Energy Corporation	2,000
B&B Concrete Company, Inc.	500
Balch & Bingham LLP	2,000
Bancorpsouth	2,000
Bank of Brookhaven	2,000
Bank Plus	1,000
James L Barksdale	2,000
BKD, LLP	1,000
Butler Snow LLP	2,000
Cadence Bank	500
Charter Bank	500
Chevron Products Company	500
Comet Street, LLC	500
Cooper Tires	2,000
Cooperative Energy	2,000
Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Works	500
Marty Davidson	2,000
Deviney Construction Company, Inc	500
Double Quick, Inc.	2,000
Entergy Mississippi Inc.	2,000
Ergon Inc.	1,500
F.E.B. Distributing Company Inc.	500
F.L. Crane & Sons, Inc.	500
GulfSouth Capital, Inc.	2,000
Hancock Bank	2,000
McCullough Steel	1,500
Mechanics Bank	500
Merchants & Marine Bank	1,000
Meyer & Rosenbaum, Inc.	1,000
Mississippi Power Company	2,000
MMC Materials, Inc.	500
Multicraft International	500
Nucor Steel Jackson, Inc.	1,000
The PACE Group	500
Planters Bank & Trust Company	500
The Peoples Bank Ripley MS	2,000
David P. Rumbarger	2,000
Renasant Bank	1,000
Robinson & Associates, Inc.	500
Sanderson Farms	2,000
J. Clayton Stanley	500
Wayne L. Sterling	2,000
Structural Steel Services , Inc.	2,000
Robert A. Taggart Jr.	500
The Taylor Group, Inc.	2,000
Telesouth Communications, Inc.	2,000
Trustmark National Bank	2,000
Tyson Foods Inc.	500
Waters International Trucks	500
Blake A. Wilson	2,000
Winston Plywood & Veneer	2,000

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