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State Small Business Development Centers Celebrate National SBDC Day

Staff members to visit Capitol to meet with legislators

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OXFORD, Miss. – This month, Small Business Development Centers from around the country are coming together for one special day to celebrate their work, impact and, most importantly, their clients: America’s small businesses.

Since 1981, the Mississippi Small Business Development Centers have helped aspiring and emerging small business owners achieve the American dream of entrepreneurship. Gov. Phil Bryant has proclaimed March 20 as Mississippi SBDC Day.

“We will be at the Mississippi Capitol Wednesday, March 20th, to thank our state

senators and legislators in person for their continued support of our program,” said Sharon Nichols, MSBDC state director. “Their crucial support allows us to assist our fellow Mississippians make their dreams of business ownership come true, support their families and provide the jobs that are the backbone of our state economy.”

SBDC Day is a national movement to help share the small business success stories and notable impact Small Business Development Centers have fostered in communities nationwide.

“SBDC clients give their SBDCs 4.5 out of 5 stars, and 92 percent of SBDC clients recommend their SBDCs to other small businesses,” said Charles “Tee” Rowe, president and CEO of **America’s Small Business Development Centers**. “With nearly 40 years of expertise, proven ROI and stellar client ratings it’s clear that America’s SBDCs are the nation’s most trusted small business resource.”

Mississippi’s seven Small Business Development Centers are housed at colleges and universities throughout the state and provide one-on-one business counseling and workshops at no charge. Go to <http://www.mssbdc.org/> to find a center near you and access a workshop schedule.

For more information, contact Michelle Thompson, communications specialist at the Mississippi Small Business Development Center State Office, at 662-917-5001, ext. 8757, or mthomp@olemiss.edu.

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Construction Set to Begin on Gertrude Ford Boulevard

OXFORD, Miss. – Closures of the southbound lane on Gertrude Ford Boulevard, near the University Avenue bridge, are expected during construction of a retaining wall on the University of Mississippi campus starting Monday (July 22). The construction will begin at 7 a.m. July 22 and is expected to continue through Aug. 31. During that time,

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OXFORD, Miss. – Family historian Kay Castellow McKnight is finding out more similarities between herself and cousin Gertrude Castellow Ford following a recent search through the family archives. After reconnecting with her father’s side of her family, McKnight is also expanding a legacy begun by her cousin at the University of Mississippi. “Gertrude was the

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