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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Dr. Parker:

As required in Attachment V of the TEGL 3-10, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security is submitting its Annual Report of Activities for the Program Year 2010 Workforce Information Core Products and Services Grant.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Les Range
Executive Director
MS Department of Employment Security

A blue ink signature of Larry Otis, written in a cursive style.

Mr. Larry Otis
Chairman
State Workforce Investment Board

**Mississippi
Annual Performance Report
ETA One Stop LMI Grant
PY 2010 (7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011)**

Accomplishments

(1) Continue to populate the Workforce Information Database with state and local data.

Mississippi has continued to update the Workforce Information database with required data sets as established by the Analyst Resource Center. The database is available on the Labor Market Information section of the MDES agency website. We are using the most current version of the database to ensure consistency with other states and constantly work to update the system with current information or revised data as it becomes available.

(2) Produce and disseminate industry and occupational employment projections.

Mississippi produced short-term projections for the 2010 to 2012 period. Long-term occupational and industry projections were finalized and disseminated for the following sub-state levels: four Metropolitan Statistical Areas, four Workforce Investment Areas, and thirteen Community College Districts. The additional areas provide greater flexibility and more local data for users for special projects and initiatives. All projections were produced using the methodology, software tools, and guidelines developed by the Projections Workgroup and the Projections Managing Partnership. The WIDb was populated with the short-term and long-term projections. Two LMI staff members attended the Projections Managing Partnership Summit in New Orleans, LA.

(3) Conduct and publish relevant economic analyses, special workforce information, and/or economic studies determined to be of benefit to the governor and state and local WIBs.

In addition to the wide variety of publications that the Labor Market Information Department is required to publish, the following items were produced during PY 2010.

The Labor Market Information Department created an annual "Occupations in Demand" publication series that is available on the agency's website. The publication is intended to highlight the high growth/high demand occupations in a geographic area. In addition, occupations are analyzed by educational requirements where the top jobs are provided based on the average wages paid and the projected annual openings in the area. The Occupation in Demand series is updated annually for the State and each of the Workforce Investment Areas in Mississippi.

Created area specific occupational wages and staffing patterns along with labor force statistics and industry employment amounts to support general economic development and research efforts or to assist individual employers interested in locating in a certain area. The wage estimates for smaller geographic areas were produced using the Estimates Delivery System by combining contiguous surrounding counties in order to produce as many occupations as possible while maintaining confidentiality standards associated with the data.