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## **MDOC Promotes Jobs and Services at Re-entry Job Fair**

JACKSON -The Mississippi Department of Corrections is encouraging formerly incarcerated individuals to attend the Mississippi Re-Entry Job Fair on Wednesday at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson.

Nearly 30 vendors have signed up for the event from 9 a.m. until noon at the Sparkman Building at 115 Lakeland Drive. Admission is free.

Working with the MDOC are the Governor's Job Fair Network of Mississippi, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, the WIN Job Center, the Mississippi Community College Board, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Helping our returning citizens find employment is a priority of the Department of Corrections," said Commissioner Pelicia E. Hall. "That's why we now offer resume writing and job skills training in our programs. We also teach how to dress and prepare for an interview. We know with employment, a probationer, parolee or someone who is no longer on supervision is less likely to return to incarceration.

"We encourage you to come out and be prepared to get hired," Commissioner Hall said.

While finding employees is the primary goal of the fair, promoting services and recruiting also will be a part of the fair. Therefore, individuals with non-felony records also are welcome.

Some of the expected businesses include Belle Staffing Network, Brown Bottling Group, Clark Beverage Group, Koch Foods, Kelly Service, Ingalls Shipbuilding, Sanderson Farms Inc., Tyson Foods Inc., and Walmart Store #3060 Yazoo City.

Also on hand will be representatives from Mississippi College, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Mississippi Army National Guard, Mississippi State Hospital, Mississippi Center for Justice, the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board, and the Mississippi Community Education Center.