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As the 65th Governor of Mississippi, Tate Reeves continues to build on his strong record as a leader who fights to improve educational opportunity and grow new careers so that Mississippi's best and brightest can raise their families and thrive.

Since he took office as governor, Mississippi has seen record educational gains which have been called the "Mississippi Miracle." Thanks to Governor Reeves' fiscally conservative leadership, Mississippi is in the best fiscal and financial shape ever and its economy is thriving. Less than one month into 2024, Mississippi shattered yearly economic development records when Governor Reeves announced \$12 billion in new private sector investment.

Under Governor Reeves' leadership, Mississippi achieved an overhauled statewide workforce development strategy, an all-time low unemployment rate, and the largest tax cut and the largest teacher pay raise in state history.

A Rankin County native, Governor Reeves is a graduate of Florence High School and an honors graduate of Millsaps College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics. Governor Reeves and his wife, Elee, are the proud parents of three daughters, Tyler, Emma, and Maddie.



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For Immediate Release

New Mobile WIN Job Center to Provide Services throughout Mississippi

Jackson, MS- The Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) is proud to introduce its new Mobile WIN Job Center, which will deliver a wide range of employment services to job seekers and businesses throughout the state. The mobile unit will also provide access to assistance for those eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits, ensuring critical resources are available wherever they are needed.

For over 20 years, MDES has operated mobile service units, which have proven invaluable during times of disaster when power, phone, and internet access are unavailable. These mobile service units have also been used to support job seekers and employers at the Governor's Job Fairs and other agency-related events.

This month, MDES will deploy a state-of-the-art mobile WIN Job Center, designed to maintain a high level of service in areas where brick-and-mortar WIN Job Centers are not available. The Mobile WIN Job Center will offer on-location staff to assist visitors, seven workstations, and a 32" flat screen video screen for employment-related training of small groups.

Compared to its 20-year-old predecessor, the new mobile unit features upgraded technology, contemporary safety and accessibility enhancements, and a more streamlined design, making it easier to operate and deploy.

"Today is a great day for Mississippi. We're taking another big step toward empowering our workforce, supporting businesses, and strengthening the state's economy," said the Governor of the state of Mississippi, Tate Reeves. "The launch of the new Mobile WIN Job Center reinforces the values we hold dear as Mississippians: hard work, self-reliance, and innovation."

"This mobile unit is more than just a vehicle—it's a mission on wheels. It represents our steadfast commitment to delivering real solutions for real people and ensuring that no Mississippian is left behind—no matter their zip code or how rural their community may be," said Dr. Bill Ashley, MDES Executive Director.

MDES remains committed to helping Mississippians get jobs and supporting businesses in building a stronger workforce in the state. For more information about the services offered by MDES, visit our website at www.mdes.ms.gov.



Executive Leadership

L-R, FRONT ROW: **Bill Ashley, Ph.D.,** MDES Executive Director; **Laura Ring,** Chief Operations Officer, External Relations; **Timothy Rush,** Deputy Executive Director, Reemployment Assistance. BACK ROW: **Jason Pope,** Deputy Executive Director, Workforce; **John Garrett,** Deputy Executive Director, General Counsel; **Guy Martin,** Chief of Staff, CFO

MOBILE WINJOB CENTER



The Mobile WIN Job Center has leading-edge technology and equipment that is found in many of Mississippi's comprehensive brick and mortar WIN Job Centers. The vehicle has a satellite up-link for job seekers conducting job searches and for employers posting job openings. It provides on-the-spot services for employment seekers and educational activities regarding job training and career exploration. Computer workstations and an instructor screen are available for classroom-type programs on-site. The Mobile WIN Job Center plays an important and essential role in providing timely help to residents affected by disaster who may need to file unemployment or search for jobs.

For Job Seekers:

- Computers With Internet Access
- Search for Job
- Create Resumes
- Explore Career Opportunities
- Learn Interview Tips
- Search For Educational Financial Aid
- Inquire About Training Tuition Assistance
- Placement Assistance

For Employers:

- Post Job Openings
- Screen Job Seekers
- Meet with Applicants
- Job Training Programs
- Host Job Fairs
- Rapid Response Assistance
- Labor Market Information
- Learn about other MDES Programs



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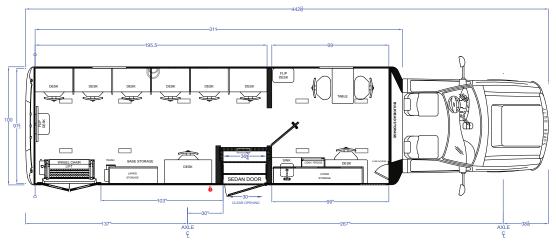
MOBILE WIN











INTERIOR EQUIPMENT

- 7 Workstations
- •10 Laptops
- Printer
- Cat5 at Specified Locations
- •40" Monitor Rear Wall
- Outlets for each Workstation
- •10 Desk Chair
- •Wall Flip Up Desk
- •4G/LTE/5G Router
- •32" TV
- Microwave
- Compact Convenience Refrigerator

- Big Foot Leveling System
- Double Wheelchair Lift Door Deluxe
- •Braun Century Lift NCL919 34" Wide
- First Aid Kit 24 Unit
- Triangle Reflectors
- •5 Lb. Extinguisher 3A 40 BC
- Eye Wash Station
- Smoke/Carbon Detectors
- Hand Rail
- Gel Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Wash & Sanitizer
- Girard 13' Power Awning w/ LED lights

What is the Mobile WIN Job Center?

The Mobile WIN Job Center is a mobile workforce development service operated by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. It is part of the statewide WIN Job Center network, which offers a variety of employment-related services across Mississippi.

How does the mobile unit complement the existing brick and mortar WIN Job Centers?

The Mobile WIN Job Center complements brick-and-mortar WIN Job Centers by expanding access to workforce services across Mississippi. It reaches under-served and rural areas, helping those without transportation, and offers the same support as permanent centers, like job search assistance, resume help, and internet access.

How will the Mobile WIN Job Center benefit Mississippi communities?

The Mobile WIN Job Center will benefit Mississippi communities by delivering employment services, job search assistance, and training opportunities directly to areas lacking easy access to traditional job centers. Once dispatched, the mobile unit could potentially be on-site and operating anywhere in the state within about 3 hours.

How often will the Mobile WIN Job Center visit rural or under-served areas?

The mobile unit will regularly visit rural and under-served areas on a rotating schedule to ensure consistent service delivery.

How does the mobile unit accommodate individuals with disabilities?

The unit is ADA-compliant, offering wheelchair access and assistive technology to support individuals with disabilities.

Will the mobile unit be available during emergencies or natural disasters?

Yes, the mobile unit can be deployed during emergencies or natural disasters to assist with unemployment claims and workforce reentry.

Will local employers have opportunities to partner with MDES through the mobile unit?

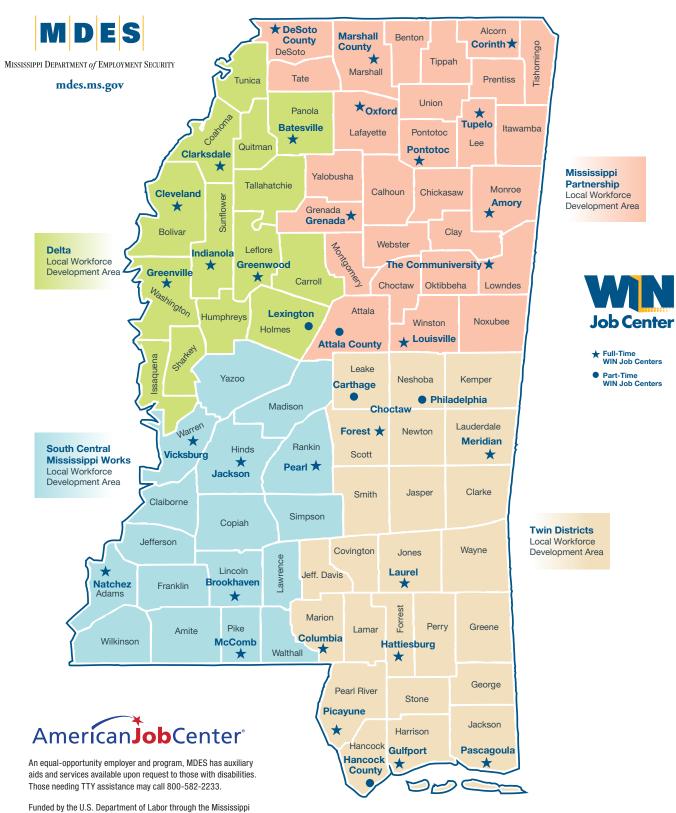
Yes, local employers can partner with MDES through the mobile unit for job fairs, hiring events, and workforce training initiatives.

Can local government collaborate with MDES to bring the Mobile WIN Job Center to their areas?

Yes, local governments can coordinate with MDES to schedule visits from the mobile unit to their communities.

WIN Job Center Locations

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WIN Job Center Locations

Amory

662-256-2618 and 662-256-5617 1619 Highland Drive P.O. Box 415 Amory, MS 38821-0415

Attala County

662-582-9804 254 Hwy 12 West Kosciusko, MS 39090

Batesville

662-360-1236 325 Lakewood Drive Batesville, MS 38606

Brookhaven

601-643-8730 1377 Johnny Johnson Dr. Brookhaven, MS 39601

Carthage

601-267-9282 202 C.O. Brooks St. Carthage, MS 39051-4262

Choctaw, MS

601-663-7722 266 Industrial Road Choctaw, MS 39350

Clarksdale

662-624-9001 236 Sharkey Ave., 3rd floor Federal Building P.O. Box 640 Clarksdale, MS 38614-0640

Cleveland

662-843-2704 119 N. Commerce Ave. P.O. Box 1750 Cleveland, MS 38732-1750

Columbia

601-736-2628 1111 US Hwy 98, Suite A Columbia, MS 39429-3701

The Communiversity

662-243-1751 7003 South Frontage Road Columbus MS 39701

Corinth

662-696-2336 2759 S. Harper Road Corinth, MS 38834-2050

Desoto County

662-280-6218 NWCC Desoto Campus WIN Job Center Room # 300-L 5197 W. E. Ross Parkway Southaven, MS 38671

Forest

601-469-2851 536 Deer Field Drive Forest, MS 39074-6005

Greenville

662-379-7404 1746 Highway 1, Suite C Greenville, MS 38701

Greenwood

662-459-4600 812 W. Park Ave. P.O. Box 554 Greenwood, MS 38935-0554

Grenada

662-226-2911 1229-A Sunset Drive Grenada, MS 38901

Gulfport

228-897-6900 10162 Southpark Drive P.O. Box 2849 Gulfport, MS 39505-2849

Hancock County

228-466-5425 856 Hwy 90 Suite D Bay St Louis, MS 39520

Hattiesburg

601-584-1202 1911 Arcadia Street Hattiesburg, MS 39401-5428

Indianola

662-887-2502 226 N. Martin Luther King Drive P.O. Box 963 Indianola, MS 38751-0963

Jackson

601-414-7796 Hinds Community College Academic and Technical Center, 3925 Sunset Drive, Jackson, MS 39213

Laurel

601-399-4000 2139 Hwy 15 N, Suite D Laurel, MS 39440

Lexington

662-834-2426 303 Yazoo Street Lexington, MS 39095

Louisville

662-773-5051 790 N. Court Ave. Louisville, MS 39339-2059

Marshall County Workforce Training Center

662-851-4190 4700 Cayce Road Byhalia, MS 38611

McComb

601-684-4421 1400-A Harrison Avenue P.O. Box 1306 McComb, MS 39648

Meridian

601-553-9511 2000 Highway 19 N Meridian, MS 39307-4906

Natchez

601-446-1130 Howell C. Garner Instructional Center 33 Campus Drive Natchez, MS 39120

Oxford

662-236-7201 1310 Belk Blvd. Oxford, MS 38655

Pascagoula

228-762-4713 1604 Denny Ave. P.O. Box 1058 Pascagoula, MS 39568-1058

Pearl

601-936-1903 3805 Highway 80 East Pearl, MS 39208-4295

Philadelphia

601-389-3431 1016 Saxon Airport Road Philadelphia, MS 39350

Picayune

601-798-3472 2005 Wildwood Road Picayune, MS 39466

Pontotoc

662-407-1226 316 Coffee Street Pontotoc, MS 38863

Tupelo

662-842-4371 and 662-407-1213 3200 Adams Farm Road, Suite 4 Belden, MS 38826

Vicksburg

601-619-2841 755 Hwy 27 S. Vicksburg, MS 39180

WIN Job Center locations are subject to change. Some locations are part-time offices. A complete listing of offices and their hours can be found online at mdes.ms.gov





Services Available for Job Seekers and Employers

Services For Job Seekers

- Free Job Searches on our Website
- Priority Services for Veterans
- Job Placement Assistance
- · Resume Software and Posting
- Interview Tips
- Access to Office Equipment: Computers, Fax Machines, Copiers, and Telephones at No Cost when Conducting a Job Search
- Information about High School Equivalency and Adult Basic Education Classes
- Information about Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- Online Unemployment Insurance Filing
- Information about Individual Training Tuition Assistance

- Information about Assistance to Laid-Off Workers
- Labor Market Information
- Information about Trade Act Assistance Benefits for Affected Workers
- Information about and Referral to Child Care, Transportation and Other Support Services
- Referral to Rehabilitation Services
- Governor's Job Fair Network Information
- Rapid Response Services for Laid-Off Workers
- Access to Americans with Disabilities Act Equipment
- Career Assistance for Reentry
- Online Apps for Job Search

Services For Employers

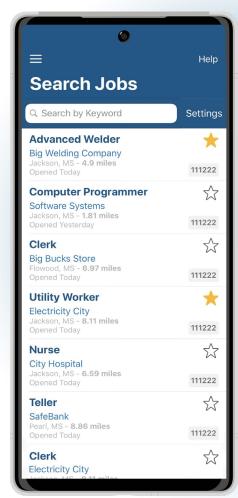
- Post your Job Openings Free on our Website
- Recruit, Screen and Refer Qualified Job Candidates
- Provide E-Verify Service
- Recruit Full-time, Part-time, and Seasonal Workers
- Host Job Fairs
- Schedule Computer Labs for Training
- Provide Information for On-the-Job Training
- Provide Labor Market Information
- Provide Information on Foreign Worker

Employment Certification Guidelines

- Provide Office Space for Meetings, Interviewing, On-site Screening and Skills Training
- Provide Information about the Work Opportunity Tax Credit
- Assist Companies with Rapid Response Services to Help Avert or Manage Layoffs
- Provide Information about the Fidelity Bonding Program
- Provide Help with the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program











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PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

These benefits provide temporary financial assistance for eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own.

Wagner Peyser

A funding source that provides job placement services, including resume preparation, interview skills, job search assistance, and referrals to job openings.

Reemployment Services and **Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)**

This program assists individuals receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits by connecting participants with in-person assessments and reemployment services through the WIN Job Centers.

Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG)

Our dedication to Veterans includes providing all the assistance within our power and every service possible to help Veterans obtain and maintain employment successfully.

Governor's Job Fair Network

Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) operates the Governor's Job Fair Network. The Job Fair Network is a series of community-sponsored, one-day events that bring together a diverse group of employers actively looking for employees. MDES partners with other agencies and organizations to host each event.

Fidelity Bonding Program

This free insurance bond is designed to help reduce the risks of hiring individuals whose criminal backgrounds pose barriers to securing employment. Individuals with criminal records, including individuals recovering from opioid and other drug addictions, are eligible for coverage under these bonds. The bond insurance issued to an employer ranges from \$5,000 to \$25,000 coverage for 6 months with no deductible.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)

This is a federal income tax credit for employers hiring individuals facing employment obstacles. The credit may range from \$1,200 up to \$9,600, depending on the target group and other factors regarding the employee. Target groups include the long-term unemployed, SNAP recipients, vocational rehabilitation referrals, and SSI recipients.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

This is a federal program that helps U.S. workers who have lost or may lose their jobs as a result of foreign trade. This program provides workers with opportunities to obtain the skills, credentials, resources, and support necessary to become re-employed.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Services

This act provides career and training services for adults, dislocated workers, and youth entering the workforce. It also provides business services for employers to find qualified workers through on-the-job training, internships, extern-ships, and apprenticeships. MDES is committed to the economic and employment needs to the people of the state of Mississippi. The programs listed here help us meet that commitment.

WIOA On-the-Job Training

This program helps businesses hire and train workers by reimbursing some expenses incurred during the initial training process.

WIOA Individual Training Account

A service that provides workforce grants and funding for educational/occupational skill training for eligible job seekers.

Registered Apprenticeship

This is an industry-driven, high-quality career pathway where employers can develop and prepare their future workforce. Individuals can obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, and a nationally recognized, portable credential. The five key components of the program include: a paid job, work-based learning, mentor ship, classroom learning, and credentials.

Rapid Response

This is an early intervention service that assists both employers and employees affected by layoffs or plant closures. It provides access to user-friendly resources and information to help transition affected workers into reemployment.

Self-Employment Assistance Program

The Self-Employment Assistance Program (SEAP) offers dislocated workers early reemployment and encourages them to start small businesses to create their own jobs.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

This is an employment training program for Mississippians aged 55 years and older. The program provides subsidized, part-time work experience for a limited time through community service, enabling seniors to obtain the skills necessary for permanent employment. Participants in the program learn new skills and talents or enhance existing ones to become competitive in today's workforce.

Referrals

Based on each customer's needs, MDES refers to partner agencies, such as MCCB, MDHS, and MDRS, for programs like Adult Education, TANF, SNAP, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

MS Works

This real-time, integrated web and mobile solution provides labor exchange services to job seekers and employers. MS Works provides customized labor market information with each job listing so that job seekers can determine if a job is a potentially good fit.

WIN Job Centers

Mississippi's network of WIN Job Centers provides easy access to employment-related services offered by multiple workforce partners.

Workforce Call Center

This call center provides remote assistance to job seekers who cannot travel to a WIN Job Center or who do not have home internet access.

General Guidelines for MDES and WIN Job Center logos may be found at mdes.ms.gov/branding



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