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MSPB ELECTS OFFICERS AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

Jackson, Miss – Mr. Donald G. Brown of Vicksburg has been re-elected to serve as Chair of the Mississippi State Personnel Board for Fiscal Year 2013, which begins July 1, 2012. Mr. Alwyn Luckey of Ocean Springs has been elected to serve as Vice Chair of MSPB. Serving with Mr. Brown and Mr. Luckey are Colonel Nick Ardillo of Columbus, Mr. L.H. Gibson of Summit, and newly appointed Colonel Donald R. Taylor of Crystal Springs.

Mr. Brown, who has served on the MSPB since 2005, is the Warren County Director for the Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service. Prior to joining that organization, Mr. Brown worked with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, and the Vicksburg Early Education Center. Named the "Vicksburg Post Man of the Year" in 2008, Mr. Brown graduated from Alcorn State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Social Services and received a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling Service from Jackson State University. He has completed post-graduate work at Mississippi State University in Group Psychotherapy.

Mr. Luckey is a long-time resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Mississippi and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi. Mr. Luckey is licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi in all Federal and State Courts, as well as in the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. His law practice includes state and local government consulting, business law, construction defect/water intrusion, asbestos injury, real estate and general practice. He is currently the sole shareholder of The Law Firm of Alwyn H. Luckey, P.A., and judge of the City of Ocean Springs. Mr. Luckey was appointed to the MSPB earlier this year by Governor Phil Bryant to fill an unexpired term through June 30, 2014 representing the Second Supreme Court District.

Joining MSPB on July 1, 2012, Colonel Taylor served as Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services from 1995 through 2008. At the time of his July 1, 2008 retirement, he was the longest serving director of a state DHS. He received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, as well as the American Technological University, where he received a Master of Science Degree in Psychological Counseling. Colonel Taylor currently hosts Prime Time Radio show on SuperTalk. Colonel Taylor will serve as an At-Large member of the Board appointed by Governor Bryant to a five-year term through June 30, 2017.

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