

# LEGAL NOTICES

Supervisor Mabry offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (THE "COUNTY"), ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICT FOUR, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (THE "DISTRICT"), TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, AND REPAIRING ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, AND ACQUIRING THE NECESSARY LAND, INCLUDING LAND FOR BUILDING MATERIALS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY THEREFOR, INCLUDING RIGHTS-OF-WAY THEREFOR FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING WALKING TRAILS, PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES BESIDE DISTRICT ROADS WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES THERETO REASONABLY REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT, REPAIR AND RENOVATE ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND APPROACHES THERETO WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES AND OTHER AUTHORIZED PURPOSES UNDER SECTION 19-9-1 THROUGH 19-9-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, SECTIONS 17-3-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED AND SECTIONS 55-9-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED; AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Holmes County, Mississippi (the "County"), acting for and on behalf of Supervisor District Four of the County (the "District"), hereby finds, determines, adjudicates and declares as follows:

1. The District is authorized by Section 19-9-1 through 19-9-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time, Sections 17-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and Sections 55-9-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (together, the "Act"), to issue bonds hereinafter proposed to be issued for the purposes and the amounts set forth in paragraph 2 of this preamble.

2. It is necessary and in the public interest to issue General Obligation Road and Bridge Bonds (the "Bonds") of the District in the principal amount of not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to raise money for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, and repairing roads, highways and bridges, and acquiring the necessary land, including land for building materials, and rights-of-way therefor, including rights-of-way therefor for constructing and equipping walking trails, public parks and recreation facilities beside District roads within the District; and the purchase of heavy construction equipment and accessories thereto reasonably required to construct, repair and renovate roads, highways and bridges and approaches thereto within the District; and for related purposes and other authorized purposes under the Act (the "Project").

3. As of June 1, 2020, the assessed value of all taxable property within the District, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, is \$25,415,675; the District has \$203,000 outstanding bonded indebtedness subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit prescribed by Section 19-9-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and \$203,000 outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness subject to the twenty percent (20%) debt limit prescribed by Section 19-9-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; the issuance of the Bonds hereinafter proposed to be issued pursuant to the Act will not result in bonded indebtedness of more than fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of taxable property within the District, and will not result in indebtedness, both bonded and floating in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of taxable property within the District, and will not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation upon indebtedness which may be incurred by the District.

4. The District reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures prior to the issuance of the Bonds, which it intends to reimburse with the proceeds of the Bonds upon the issuance thereof. This declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds is made pursuant to Department of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations"). The Project for which such expenditures are made is the same as described hereinabove. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project is the amount hereinabove set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SUPERVISOR DISTRICT FOUR OF THE COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board, acting for and on behalf of the District, hereby declares its intention to issue General Obligation Road and Bridge Bonds of Supervisor District Four of the County in the principal amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) pursuant to the Act to raise money to provide funds for the Project. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate, or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the District.

**SECTION 2.** The Board proposes to direct the issuance of the Bonds of the District in the amounts, for the purposes and secured as aforesaid at a meeting place of

the Board at its meeting place in the Holmes County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, in the City of Lexington, Mississippi, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. on July 20, 2020.

**SECTION 3.** If on or before 6:00 o'clock p.m. on July 20, 2020, twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the District or fifteen hundred (1,500), whichever is less, shall file a written protest with the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi in her office located at 2 Court Square, Lexington, MS, against the issuance of the Bonds pursuant to the Act, then Bonds for such purpose or purposes shall not be issued unless authorized at an election on the question of the issuance of such Bonds to be called and held as provided by law. If no protest is filed on or before 6:00 o'clock p.m. on July 20, 2020, against the issuance of Bonds, then the Bonds may be issued without an election on the question of the issuance thereof at any time within a period of two (2) years after July 20, 2020.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall be published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in the Holmes County Herald, a newspaper published in Lexington, Mississippi, and having a general circulation in the District and qualified under the provisions of Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The first publication of this resolution shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed herein for the issuance of the Bonds, and the last publication shall be made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date.

**SECTION 5.** The Chancery Clerk of the Board shall be and is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of the publication of this resolution and have the same before the Board on the date and hour specified in Section 2 hereof.

**SECTION 6.** The District reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures prior to the issuance of the Bonds, which it intends to reimburse with the proceeds of the Bonds upon the issuance thereof. This declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds is made pursuant to the Reimbursement Regulations. The Project for which such expenditures are made is the same as described hereinabove. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project is the amount hereinabove set forth.

**SECTION 7.** If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein.

Supervisor Hampton seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Supervisor Leonard Hampton	Voted: yea
Supervisor James Young	Voted: yea
Supervisor Debra Mabry	Voted: yea
Supervisor Leroy Johnson	Voted: yea
Supervisor Alphonzo Greer	Voted: yea

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted this the 11th day of June, 2020.

**/s/ James Young**  
**PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICT FOUR, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**K - 5 ELA ADOPTION**

The Holmes County Consolidated School District is seeking to adopt a comprehensive elementary English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum for grades K - 5 for our elementary schools. The goal in this adoption cycle is to provide up-to-date, research-based, relevant, and appropriate materials that will effectively support teaching and learning practices in our K - 5 ELA classrooms that will also offer teachers and all students greater access to relevant digital resources/tools.

Moreover, through the curriculum adoption process, HCCSD aims to advance the Board of Education's mission, vision, and values by improving access to (a) meaningful content, (b) increasing awareness of sound instructional practices, (c) providing technological assets that promote creativity, connections, and innovation, and (d) engaging students in rigorous activities/assessments.

The purpose of the RFP is to solicit complete proposals in accordance to the Proposal Response Format listed in the RFP, from agencies with expertise in providing high-quality, standards-aligned primary curricular resources public-school districts. The selection and implementation of a primary curriculum is a complex process as it will serve a broad range of stakeholders. Therefore, experience with successful management of similar projects is integral to this project's success.

Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 am on Friday, July 24, 2020. The RFP can be accessed via the Holmes County Consolidated School District website: [www.holmesccsd.org](http://www.holmesccsd.org) or by contacting Dr. Sharon Williams at [shwilliams@holmesccsd.org](mailto:shwilliams@holmesccsd.org).

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LELA OLIVIA THOMAS, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO. 26CH1:20-CV-0072  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 8th day of July, 2020, by the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Lela Olivia Thomas, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having a claim against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 8th day of July, 2020.

/s/ Dave Edward Thomas, Jr.  
DAVE EDWARD THOMAS, JR.,  
Administrator of the Estate of Lela Olivia Thomas

Prepared by:  
JOHN M. GILMORE  
Attorney for Estate  
15288 South Jackson Street  
Post Office Box 151  
Durant, Mississippi 39063-0151  
Mississippi Bar No. 10191  
Phone: 662-653-3030

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
**SOLOMON FAMILY TREE FARM, LLC**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**VERSUS**  
**CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER 20-0081**  
**MAXINE TATE SMITH, MAE CATHERINE TATE JOHNS and all persons claiming an interest in the following described parcel of land, to-wit: DEFENDANTS**  
**Beginning at an iron rod marking the Northwest corner of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 2 East, Holmes County, Mississippi; Thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 245.71 feet to a set iron pin on an old fence line; thence following courses along an old fence line as follows, South 11 degrees 02 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 67.98 feet; thence South 07 degrees 27 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 78.95 feet; thence South 13 degrees 05 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 83.97 feet; thence South 17 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 19.92 feet; Thence leave said fence and run North 89 degrees 54 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 46.15 feet to the Point of Beginning. All being 0.1 acres used as Ingress-Egress to travel from Holmes County Parcel No. 014-33-002.00 to Parcel No. 014-34-018.00. All being a part of the Southwest corner of Parcel No. 014-34-016.00 in the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 2 East, Holmes County, Mississippi.**  
**SUMMONS**  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
**TO: All persons claiming an interest in the following described parcel of land, to-wit:**  
**Beginning at an iron rod marking the Northwest corner of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 2 East, Holmes County, Mississippi; Thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 245.71 feet to a set iron pin on an old fence line; thence following courses along an old fence line as follows, South 11 degrees 02 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 67.98 feet; thence South 07 degrees 27 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 78.95 feet; thence South 13 degrees 05 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 83.97 feet; thence South 17 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 19.92 feet; Thence leave said fence and run North 89 degrees 54 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 46.15 feet to the Point of Beginning. All being 0.1 acres used as Ingress-Egress to travel from Holmes County Parcel No. 014-33-002.00 to Parcel No. 014-34-018.00. All being a part of the Southwest corner of Parcel No. 014-34-016.00 in the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 2 East, Holmes County, Mississippi.**  
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff, seeking Complaint for Adverse Possession or in the alternative a Prescriptive Easement. Defendants other than you in this action are Maxine Tate Smith and Mae Catherine Tate Johns.  
You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to John M. Gilmore, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is Post Office Box 151, Durant, Mississippi 39063, and whose street address is 15288 South Jackson Street, Durant, Mississippi 39063.  
**YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.**  
You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.  
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 10 day of July, 2020.  
CHANCERY CLERK OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
(Seal)  
Post Office Box 1211  
Lexington, Mississippi 39095  
BY: /s/ Charlie Luckett

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE HEIRSHIP OF MATTIE LOU HODGES, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO.: 2017-155  
**CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HOLMES**  
**TO: THE HEIRS (Known and Unknown) of MATTIE LOU HODGES, Deceased**  
You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirship, filed in this Court by the Petitioner, Mary L. Hodges.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
You are summoned to appear and defend against said petition filed against you in this action at **9:00 A.M. on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020** at the **Holmes County Courthouse** in Lexington, Mississippi before the Honorable Robert G. Clark, III, Chancery Court Judge. If you fail to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.  
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.  
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8 day of July, 2020.  
CHARLIE LUCKETT,  
Chancery Clerk HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
BY: /s/ Charlie Luckett  
CLERK  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID FOR AGRICULTURE RIGHTS ON SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND**  
To all persons interested in the following tract of forest land located in Holmes County, Mississippi, to-wit:  
**SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 15N, RANGE 1E**  
**THE ENTIRE SECTION, being 169.6 acres.**  
Bid proposal forms may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Education at the Educational Support Center, 313 Olive Street, P. O. Box 630, Lexington, Mississippi 39095, and must be submitted to the same in a sealed envelope NOT LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. on the 13th day of August, 2020. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked on the outside "BID FOR AGRICULTURE RIGHTS LEASE on approximately 169.6 acres in Section 16, Township 15N, Range 1E." Bids will be opened at the regular board meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of August, 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter. The Holmes County Consolidated Board of Education reserves the right to reduce the terms or reject any and all bids, but if any bid is accepted, the Board will award said lease to the highest bidder in the manner provided by law. A check in the amount of NOT LESS THAN 10% of the annual rental should be included with the bid when submitted. The Board shall not be responsible for providing survey lines of this land. Should this be necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the LESSEE. LESSEE is required to pay the annual taxes on the property to the Holmes County Tax Collector. LESSEE is also required to pay a one-time filing fee of \$12.00. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Land Manager at 662-834-2175.  
/s/ James L. Henderson/BT 7/13/20  
Dr. James L. Henderson  
Superintendent of Education

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LEASE ON SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND**  
To all persons interested in the following tract of forest land located in Holmes County, Mississippi, to-wit:  
**SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 15N, RANGE 5E**  
**THE ENTIRE SECTION, being 383.2 acres.**  
Bid proposal forms may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Education at the Educational Support Center, 313 Olive Street, P. O. Box 630, Lexington, Mississippi 39095, and must be submitted to the same in a sealed envelope NOT LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. on the 13th day of August, 2020. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked on the outside "BID FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LEASE on approximately 383.2 acres in Section 16, Township 15N, Range 5E." Bids will be opened at the regular board meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of August, 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter. The Holmes County Consolidated Board of Education reserves the right to reduce the terms or reject any and all bids, but if any bid is accepted, the Board will award said lease to the highest bidder in the manner provided by law. A check in the amount of NOT LESS THAN 10% of the annual rental should be included with the bid when submitted. The Board shall not be responsible for providing survey lines of this land. Should this be necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the LESSEE. LESSEE is required to pay the annual taxes on the property to the Holmes County Tax Collector. LESSEE is also required to pay a one-time filing fee of \$12.00. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Land Manager at 662-834-2175.  
/s/ James L. Henderson/BT 7/13/20  
Dr. James L. Henderson  
Superintendent of Education

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE HEIRSHIP OF O. W. HODGES, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO.: 2017-156  
**CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HOLMES**  
**TO: THE HEIRS (Known and Unknown) of O. W. HODGES, Deceased**  
You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirship, filed in this Court by the Petitioner, Christine Hodges.  
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Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8 day of July, 2020.  
CHARLIE LUCKETT,  
Chancery Clerk HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
BY: /s/ Charlie Luckett  
CLERK  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
Goodman, Mississippi  
2018 HOME Program  
Legal, Environmental Specialist  
And Land Surveying Services  
Goodman, Mississippi, will accept sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide Legal Services and Surveying Services for the town's 2018 Home Investment Act Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant Project (1228-M16-SG-280-197), which will replace/reconstruct two (2) substandard single family housing units and rehabilitate four (4) single family housing units within the town limits.  
The selected offerors must have proven ability to effectively implement the roles and responsibilities related to the HOME – Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program.  
1. **LEGAL**  
Consultation services as required for the implementation of the proposed improvement in accordance with State and HUD prescribed rules, Federal regulation, policies, and State law. Title opinions will also be required and will be priced on a per parcel or unit basis.  
2. **SURVEYOR (LAND/PARCEL SURVEYING)**  
The land surveyor will conduct the necessary field inspections for locating, establishing or reestablishing the boundaries and/or corners of lots, tracts and/or parcels of real property in accordance with acceptable procedural techniques. The contract for these services will be on a per parcel basis for the reconstruction units only.  
Those desiring consideration should submit proposals by the time and date stated and must include the following:  
1. Qualifications - List of qualifications of each staff person to be assigned to project.  
2. Experience - Information regarding the experience of the firm. This information should include types of project activities undertaken.  
3. Capacity for Performance - Identify the number and title of staff available to be assigned to provide services and capacity to perform the work within the time limitations.  
4. Familiarity - Knowledge of the type of problems applicable to the project.  
All proposals will be rated on the following system to determine the best proposal: Description and Maximum Points: Qualifications - 30; Experience - 30; Capacity - 30; Familiarity - 30; Total Maximum Points: 120 Points.  
The selection committee will base their evaluation on the written responses. The award will be made to the most qualified offeror whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to Goodman, all factors considered.  
Interested parties must submit their qualifications for consideration by Thursday July 30, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. Responses received after this time will not be considered. Proposals will be opened at the 5:30 P.M. August 4, 2020 Goodman Board meeting.  
Responses should be sent to: Town of Goodman, ATTN: 2018 HOME Grant Professional Services, P. O. Box 397, Goodman, Mississippi 39079 or the Goodman Town Hall at 2918 Main Street, Goodman, MS 39079.  
We encourage all eligible Section 3 businesses to submit a proposal.  
This solicitation is being offered in accordance with state requirements governing procurement of professional services. Accordingly, Goodman reserves the right to negotiate an agreement based on fair and reasonable compensation for the scope of work and services proposed, as well as the right to reject any and all responses deemed unqualified, unsatisfactory or inappropriate.

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## Hyde-Smith announces \$3.45 million to expand state apprenticeship program

### Miss. Dept. of Employment Security lands news funding for growing job training program

**Press Release**  
U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) on Friday, July 10, announced a \$3.45 million federal grant to expand the Mississippi Apprenticeship Program (MAP), an initiative that since 2016 has helped provide Mississippians with skills to find careers in today's labor market.  
The Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) received a \$3.0 million grant as one of 12 states to receive Tier II Registered Apprenticeship Program funding, on top of a \$450,000 Tier I

base grant given to all 42 states that applied for the funding.  
"The Mississippi Apprenticeship Program has been innovative in providing more people with skill-development opportunities that improve their career paths and meet the needs of various industries," said Hyde-Smith, who serves on the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee.  
"The fact we received Tier II funding is a recognition of how well the program is working and its

potential to grow, which is important during the current economic downturn," she said.  
The U.S. Department of Labor funding will permit MDES to continue to build MAP, which has developed eight new registered apprenticeship programs, involving 202 businesses and 1,263 registered apprentices.  
In its 2019 annual report, MDES also indicated that MAP is growing to involve new industry sectors, including finance and banking, hospitality and tourism, and information technology.