

Economic Investments in Mississippi



Office of Building Technology, State and Community Programs (BTS)

BTS works with partners in the private and non-profit sectors and in state and local governments to make the nation's residential and commercial building stock more energy-efficient, comfortable, affordable, and sustainable.

The mission of DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is to promote a strong economy, cleaner environment, and more secure future through the development and deployment of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies.



BTS invested a total of \$4.0 million in Mississippi in Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002



The **Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development** in **Jackson**, through the State Energy Program (SEP), received \$441,000 in FY 2001 and \$535,000 in FY 2002 for a variety of activities including implementation of the State Energy Plan, improving State Building Energy Codes, and providing public education and awareness efforts (e.g., hotlines, publications, and training).

Mississippi State Energy Program
(millions of dollars)



The **Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development** in **Jackson**, through the SEP Special Projects Office of Codes and Standards received \$212,312 in FY 2001 for the adoption of IECC, mandatory energy efficiency training requirements for building code officials, builders, subcontractors, architects, and engineers; effective code enforcement strategies; and standards.



The cities and towns of **Coahoma, Ellisville, Holly Springs, Jackson, Meridian, Metcalfe, Morgan City, Natchez, Rolling Fork, Shaw, Shelby, and Winstonville** along with **Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association, Main Street Columbia, Inc., Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and Rebuild Mississippi** received technical assistance from the Rebuild America program valued at a combined total of \$320,000 in FY 2002. This program accelerates energy efficiency improvements in existing commercial, institutional and multifamily residential buildings through private-public partnerships created at the community level. It also assists with business planning, technical product development, marketing, workshops, and training for its partners.

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America's buildings — our homes, workplaces, and institutional buildings — consume roughly \$230 billion worth of energy each year. The average family spends about \$1,300 on home energy. Energy for buildings has environmental as well as economic implications: its production, distribution, and use affect our environment and health through the emission of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.



The Weatherization Assistance Program, through nine local service providers (e.g., community action agencies) is working to increase energy efficiency and reduce the burden of energy costs to low-income Mississippi residents, especially households with elderly members, individuals with disabilities, and families with children. In FY 2001, Federal funding combined with leveraged state and local resources resulted in the weatherization of approximately 449 homes. In FY 2002, Mississippi was allocated \$1,668,667 in weatherization funding.

Mississippi Weatherization
(millions of dollars)

