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MUSEUM RECEIVES GRANTS FOR RESEARCH, PROGRAMS

(Jackson) -- The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry/National Agricultural Aviation Museum has been awarded two grants that will further its accreditation efforts and help provide services to guests. Museum Director Wayne Smith says the first is a Museum Assessment Program I grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. “The grant money will be used to help the Museum to evaluate its current practices, establish priorities to achieve higher museum standards, and plan how to best serve the community,” said Smith.

“We congratulate the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry/National Agricultural Aviation Museum on the receipt of this grant,” stated Ed Able, President and CEO of the American Association of Museums (AAM), the organization that develops and manages the grant. “We wish them well as they begin this process of self-review and planning for their future.”

The second grant is a Heritage grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. This grant will support cultural artisans and programs during the heritage Festival/Dulcimer and Old Tyme Music Festival scheduled to be held at the Museum, November 12-14. “These grants will be a boost to our efforts to improve the Museum,” said Dr. Lester Spell Jr., Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce and President of the Museum Board of Directors. “They also show that the Museum is a one-of-a-kind facility that has a lot to offer visitors.”

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry/National Agricultural Aviation Museum is located at 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216 and specializes in Agriculture, Forestry, and Agricultural Aviation with an emphasis on the historical, cultural, and economic development of these industries within the state of Mississippi. It is open from 9 A.M to 5 P.M., Monday to Saturday, year round and 1 P.M. to 5 P.M., Sunday, from Memorial Day to Labor Day.