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Model Contractor Development Program  
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### **ROY ANDERSON CORP and MDA to Host Model Contractor Development Program**

Beginning in September, ROY ANDERSON CORP, the Mississippi Development Authority, the Surety & Fidelity Association of America and the National Black Chamber of Commerce will present the **Model Contractor Development Program** in Gulfport. **The Model Contractor Development Program** is designed to teach small construction contractors the good business practices they need to improve their company's operations, increase their bonding capacity and help them take advantage of the ongoing construction boom in Mississippi.

**The Model Contractor Development Program** is begin offered free of charge and will include nine (9) sessions. Each session will be held at ROY ANDERSON CORP's corporate office located at 11400 Reichold Road, Gulfport, MS from 6:00 PM until 9:00PM each Thursday beginning Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and ending Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

"With billions of dollars in contracting opportunities flowing into the State as a result of continuing disaster recovery efforts and new economic development projects, it is imperative that innovative strategies are used to insure minority and small businesses fully participate in these opportunities", said Richard Speights, Director of MDA's Minority and Small Business Development Division. This program is a major step in that direction.

"It is our pleasure to assist the Mississippi Development Authority in this program. "It is our hope that many of our area's small contractors will take advantage of this opportunity", stated Debbie Bermond, Roy Anderson Corp.

**The Model Contractor Development Program** is open to all small construction contractors who meet the following prerequisites: The company must be enrolled in the Mississippi Contract Procurement Network system and a representative of each contractor must agree to attend no less than seven of the nine sessions. For more information or to register for the program, please contact the South Mississippi Contract Procurement Center at (228) 374-2970 or visit [www.mississippi.org/mptap](http://www.mississippi.org/mptap).