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## Linda H. Carter

Ms. Linda H. Carter, has more than twenty (20) years experience in the area of community and economic development. She has a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Alcorn State University. She attended Jackson State University in the graduate program and received one of the first scholarships provided by Seedco to study at Tufts University in Medford, MA. She has received several certificates in Economic Development and holds a Mississippi State Real Estate License and is a former employee of the City of Jackson.

She is currently employed with the West Jackson Community Development Corporation as Executive Director. As Executive Director, Mrs. Carter has been responsible for securing millions of dollars in funding for the operation of agency programs, spearheading the construction and rehabilitation of several single- and multi-family homes, and creating jobs and job opportunities of hundreds in the west Jackson area. She oversees all administrative, fiscal, and programmatic operations at West Jackson CDC.

She is the former Deputy Director of Human Services for West Jackson CDC. Her primary responsibilities include: assisting Executive Director in executing all programs, projects, and activities; supervision and management of professional level staff; oversees programs that require contact with funding sources, clients, and the community. Programs in the Human Service area which include: Summer and After School Program(SAS); Abstinence I; Abstinence II; Partnership for Healthy Greater Mississippi's Tobacco Program; DHS Family's First Parenting; Jackson Youthbuild , and the Weed and Seed program. The work involves professional presentations regarding detailed activities to funding sources, potential funding sources, clients and the general public. Responsible for planning program activities and direct project staff to comply with contract requirements; and develop coordination linkages with neighborhood groups, institutions and organizations. She is also involved in support activities with the organization i.e., the Annual Meeting, Community Clean-ups, and has chaired the Annual Lynch Street Festival for two years.

She is the former Housing Coordinator with the West Jackson CDC. Ms. Carter's primary responsibilities include developing and implementing various housing programs (ownership and rental) to meet needs of low-income inner city residents. Regularly develop and submit grant requests to federal, state and local entities, as well as developing and implementing comprehensive fund raising plans. Responsible for insuring that all programs (CDBG, HOME, HOPE 3, Jackson Urban Enterprise Council, Federal Home Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Program, etc.)are implemented and comply with federal, state and local regulations. Develop and let bids for rehabilitation of approved properties. Work with city and county inspectors to oversee the work of contractors. Provide pre- and post-homeowner training for families applying for home ownership

She along with the executive director of the West Jackson CDC and other qualified staff contributed to raising millions of dollars for coordination and innovation service that included special emphasis on housing development, economic development, education and youth and leadership development. Some of the federal grants received during his tenure were: HUD's John Heinz, HUD's Fair Housing grant, Hinds County Private Industry Council (JTPA), Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Health and Human Services for an apparel manufacturing facility and Community Lawn Care project, Youthbuild 1997 and Youthbuild 2000

(West Jackson was first organization in State of MS to received a Youthbuild grant), Department of Human Services (Parenting Center and Preventive Intervention, Learn & Serve, Highway Safety, Department of Education (Save Our Students), Tobacco and etc. Private dollars include, Levi Strauss, Seedco, Babcock, Herron Foundation, Public Welfare, Foundation for the Mid-South, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Trustmark, Union Planters National Bank, Fannie Mae Corporation, Fannie Mae Foundation, Federal Home Loan Bank, Charles Steward Mott Foundation, Mississippi Arts Commission, Jackson Arts Alliance, etc.

Mrs. Carter resides in Jackson, MS. She is married to Leroy Carter and has two children, Marqwell and Isley.